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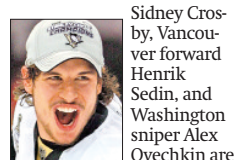
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### Sid, Alex and Sedin tops for NHLPA award as well

**HOCKEY** The NHL and its players agree on this year's cream of the crop.

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Sidney Crosby, Vancouver forward Henrik Sedin, and Washington sniper Alex Ovechkin are the nominees for the Ted Lindsay Award, given to the most outstanding player as voted on by members of the NHL Players' Association. The same three are also nominated for the Hart Trophy as league MVP. The winner will be named at the NHL awards ceremony June 23.

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# A hand for mothers

Dartmouth shelter helps young moms — and treats them on Mother's Day

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**Supporting a three-year-old is no easy task when you're a single parent at 22.**

Shauna Allison needed to move out of a cramped apartment she shared with a friend and her son, Kierell Specht.

"It seemed like it was never-ending — not enough sleep, not enough time for eating or time for myself or even enough time spent with him," she said.

Her family is in Toronto and she's trying to make ends meet while attending Nova Scotia Community College.

So last winter she got a spot at Supportive Housing for Young Mothers (SHYM). It's a shelter located in Dartmouth for moms, and soon-to-be moms between the ages of 16 and 24.

It not only gives them a place to live but they learn good parenting practices, budgeting, cooking and a number of other skills to get them on their feet.

By the end of the two-year program, the women are on their way to finishing high school, starting college or getting a job.

"With two parents they talk about how exhausted



Shauna Allison hugs her three-year-old son Kierell Thursday at the Supportive Housing for Young Mothers shelter. The shelter helps young moms get on their feet.

they are and how difficult it is and here these women are doing it on their own while they're also trying to grow up themselves," said Wendy Fraser, executive

director.

Mother's Day is always an event at this facility. Fraser said it's a day to recognize these women who are making a decision to

better their lives and be good moms.

"I feel their commitment to motherhood is completely awe-inspiring. Their barriers are so much

### Fundraiser

• Supportive Housing for Young Mothers (SHYM) is hosting a Mother's Day fundraising event this weekend. The Mom's Day Cabaret will feature a number of entertainers including Bette MacDonald and Shauntay Grant. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the NSCC Auditorium, Waterfront Campus.

bigger than many others," she said.

"Mother's Day is a celebration here of those great choices."

The young mothers will be treated to a Sunday brunch along with cake and gifts.

"We celebrate the kids all the time but it's really nice to stop and say 'way to go you guys, you've done an amazing job.'"

It's the only facility of its kind in the province and houses 12 women and their children in apartments. The Department of Community Services pays the rent, but most of the shelter's budget (65 per cent) is fundraised.

While difficult at first, Allison said she loves motherhood.

"The first couple months were hard and now it's just fun. I couldn't imagine not having him."



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## Dexter to get King's alumnus award

The University of King's College Alumni Association is honouring Premier Darrell Dexter. The association has selected Dexter as the 2010 recipient of the Judge J. Elliott Hudson Distinguished Alumnus Award. Created in 1994, a college release said the award recognizes a King's graduate who has made invaluable contributions to his or her community or profession. Dexter will receive the award on May 13 at the awards alumni dinner.

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## January date set for lawyer's drug trial

**COURT** A Halifax lawyer's new drug trial is set for next year.

Anne Calder is accused of smuggling drugs to a client in jail. Her lawyer appeared in Nova Scotia Supreme Court Thursday and her trial was set for Jan. 10, 2011.

Calder's first trial began in early April, but the proceedings were stopped by Supreme Court Justice Peter Bryson after new evidence came up.

Calder, 56, was charged last July after guards at the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility in Dartmouth allegedly caught her passing an envelope containing drugs to an inmate.

She was charged with trafficking the painkiller hydromorphone. Other charges of possessing hydromorphone and trafficking marijuana were laid after police searched her west-end Halifax home. Calder is not currently practising law.

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Family members walk to the back of the hearse where the casket of Petty Officer (second class) Craig Blake of CFB Shearwater rests at CFB Trenton on Thursday in Trenton, Ont. Blake was killed Monday when a roadside bomb exploded west of Kandahar City.

## Fallen sailor returns to Canada

**TRENTON** The body of a Nova Scotia-based sailor killed in Afghanistan has arrived back in Canada.

A military plane carrying the body of Petty Officer (second class) Craig Blake, of CFB Shearwater, touched down at CFB Trenton, in eastern Ontario, on Thursday afternoon.

His body then took the familiar route along the Highway of Heroes to the coroner's office in Toronto.

Nearly 30 of his Halifax brethren were in Trenton to be there to receive the remains. Eight of them were pallbearers and 20 acted as a colour guard.

Blake was killed Monday



Craig Blake

when a roadside bomb exploded west of Kandahar City.

The 37-year-old had been in Afghanistan for only a couple of weeks.

Blake, who was a minor hockey coach, was the first sailor and 143rd member of the Canadian Forces to die since the Afghan mission started in 2002.

On Wednesday, more than 1,500 Canadian and ISAF personnel attended a ramp ceremony at Kandahar Airfield for Blake.

Details on the funeral service have not been released, but no matter where the funeral for the Simcoe, Ont., native takes place, another memorial service will be held within the diving unit.

Blake was a husband and father of two. His brother Chris said Tuesday that Blake was a sailor first and foremost and was apprehensive about serving in Afghanistan.

"Being in the ordnance and bomb disposal and everything he was trained for, he also knew that this was part of his calling."

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## Airport authority reports surplus despite less traffic

**BUDGET** The Halifax International Airport Authority says its budget remains in the black even though passenger traffic decreased by 4.5 per cent in the most recent fiscal year.

The authority, which

runs Halifax Stanfield International Airport, reported a \$3.3-million surplus Thursday at its annual meeting.

CEO Tom Ruth says total revenue grew to \$62.1 million, up from \$54.4 million

the previous year.

He says the authority invested \$63.6 million in airport improvements last year, which included the opening of a five-storey, 2,300-space parkade.

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## 'Not my job' to investigate email: Whalen

Liberal deputy won't ask assistant if he played part in security breach

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### No legal action

**Deputy Liberal Leader Diana Whalen has not and will not ask her constituency assistant if he was the one who somehow sent out an anonymous email to party members criticizing leader Stephen McNeil.**

Some in the Liberal party have made no secret that they believe Whalen's assistant Doug Boudreau is the one who "breached" security and acquired a supposedly secret list of party members. Boudreau has refused to comment.

Whalen has heard the accusations but said it's not her job to investigate. "I sincerely believe it's a party issue, that if there's been a breach of any sort that deals with party lists or party issues or party whatever, then it should go to them," she told reporters on Thursday.

She added, "It is not my job to be the person who brings messages back and forth. The party structure can do their own work, is what I'm saying."

The previous day, Whalen referred to the party's investigation, which included hiring lawyer Michelle Awad, as a "witch hunt."

McNeil disagreed, saying the problem is not the content of the email, but the party needing to prove it

• The Liberals will not pursue legal action in regards to the anonymous internal email to party members bashing leader Stephen McNeil.

In a last-minute announcement just before midnight on Thursday, party president Derek Wells said it was unlikely the party could prove an offence had taken place, making it difficult to obtain a court order to expose the sender.

Wells said the party is taking steps to tighten controls on the use of membership lists.

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can be trusted with personal information.

He confirmed he had asked Whalen whether she had spoken to her assistant about the email. Whalen told him she had not.

The two sit next to each other in the legislature and were seen chatting during question period. McNeil has the power to decide who is deputy leader.



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## Amnesty yields guns, crossbows

**WEAPONS** Police in Nova Scotia received 564 guns and five crossbows following a month-long amnesty for residents wanting to get rid of unwanted or unlicensed weapons.

Last Friday marked the end of the amnesty, but police announced the total amount collected on Thursday.

Municipal police forces and the RCMP were also given 19,000 rounds of ammunition.

Inspector Lloyd MacCormack of the Cape Breton Regional Police says firearms that fall into the hands of criminals often come from residential break-ins and thefts.

A month-long gun amnesty program by HRM police was conducted late last year. That program, which offered a free digital camera in return for a gun, saw more than 1,000 firearms and 10,000 rounds of ammunition collected.

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# Reward posted for info on killer

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## Another unsolved murder was added to the provincial reward program on Thursday.

Up to \$150,000 will be paid out for information leading to the conviction of the person responsible for the murder of Rachel Joy MacQuarrie.

The 32-year-old Dartmouth woman was last seen on Sept. 25, 1997. Her family reported her missing on Oct. 8. It remained a missing person case for five years.

Then on June 13, 2002, a construction worker twinning highway 101 between Mount Uniacke and

Windsor found her skeletal remains.

"I implore anyone with information related to this homicide case to please come forward," said Justice Minister Ross Landry in a statement Thursday.

"We want to see criminals brought to justice and help bring some closure to the

family of the late Ms. MacQuarrie."

Provincial RCMP spokeswoman Const. Meredith Darrah said they submitted this case for a reward because its been several years and they want to remind the public of the details.

"The rewards program is good incentive for people to come forward with new information they may have

thought wasn't helpful but may in fact be helpful in solving this case," she said.

"Sometimes it just takes one piece of information and this is a great platform for us to possibly get that information we need."

Sixty unsolved cases are up for a reward in this program, none of them have been solved. Anyone with information is asked to call 1-888-710-9090.



## Public on board with cellphone ban: Survey

**DRIVING** Nova Scotia's cellphone-while-driving ban appears to be getting across to people behind the wheel.

The province released its 2009 Nova Scotia Road Safety Survey on Thursday, which states 78 per cent of those interviewed aren't using hand-held cellphones while driving.

Thirty-nine per cent surveyed say they either don't or no longer talk on a hand-held cellphone while driving. Another 39 per cent say they are or have switched over to a hands-free cellphone or blue tooth.

Eleven per cent say they use their cellphone less than before while driving, six per cent haven't changed their behaviour and five per cent continue to talk on their cellphone.

The province banned driving and talking on a cellphone in April of 2008.

"We believe people are starting to obey the law, but we still see more than the normal amount of people using cellphones when they drive. But it has decreased since the law was implemented," Halifax



A man talks on his cellphone while driving on Robie Street on Thursday. According to a new survey, three quarters of drivers who used to talk on their cellphones while driving have now stopped.

RCMP spokesman Cpl. Joe Taplin said about the poll results.

"We don't understand (however) why people are still persistent to utilize the cellphones instead of switching to the hands-free sets. It's kind of mind-boggling to us."

Cellphone usage along with drinking and driving, speeding and distractions are listed in the survey as the most serious road safety issues on provincial

### Online

- The 2009 Nova Scotia Road Safety Survey conducted by Corporate Research Associates Inc. interviewed 1,445 drivers by telephone last June. Complete survey results are available at [www.gov.ns.ca/tran](http://www.gov.ns.ca/tran).

highways. Nearly seven in 10 drivers rated these as serious problems.

"Speeding and drinking

and driving are the No. 1 contributing factors to deaths on our highways," Taplin said. "Without question."

The survey also says 81 per cent of drivers have gone over the speed limit between one and 15 km/h in the past month when interviewed, while 24 per cent had gone between 16 and 30 km/h over the speed limit.

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## Elderly man dies after two-car collision

**DEATH** An elderly man involved in a two-vehicle collision on Monday afternoon on the Hammonds Plains Road has died from his injuries.

Halifax Regional Police say the male passenger, believed to be in his 80s, died on Tuesday afternoon in hospital. His name isn't being released at the request of the family.

Two seniors, including the victim, were coming out of their driveway when their car was struck by on-coming pickup truck towing a trailer and travelling outbound near Innovation Drive at 4:50 p.m. on Monday.

Both adults in the car were taken to the QEII Health Sciences Centre. The driver of the truck wasn't injured.

Police are looking to speak with anyone who was in the area at the time of the collision. An investigation into the crash continues.

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These youth are leaders in their community and are constantly working to make their neighbourhoods safer, greener and more enjoyable for all HRM residents. HRM would like to congratulate the youth honoured and all youth who take time to get involved in their community.

For more information on National Youth Week visit [www.hrmyouth.ca](http://www.hrmyouth.ca)



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Bears have awoken from their winter hibernation and the province says they need to be discouraged from searching for food in residential areas. **METRO HALIFAX**

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# No money for coverage sought by CNIB: NDP

N.S. only province not funding drug Lucentis

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**The Canadian Council for the Blind is stepping up its campaign to urge the NDP to fund the blindness drug Lucentis.**

Nova Scotia is the only province in Canada that does not fund Lucentis, which has been shown to treat a degenerative eye condition.

A CNIB advertising campaign says the government's refusal to fund the drug has left people three options: "Go blind, go bankrupt or go away."

Debert resident Betty Jennings said Thursday both her parents, now in their 70s, need Lucentis but may have to sell their house and move to Alberta to cover the \$2,000-per-injection cost.

Health Minister Maureen MacDonald said she's working to find a way to make Lucentis available. But she said spending the money — \$4.5 million this year, \$10 million annually within three years — would mean cuts elsewhere in her department.

"The revenue of our province is flat, we're taking in less revenue than we're spending. So I don't have that surplus to reach into to expand drug coverage," she said.

The CNIB asserts the government will actually save money in the long term through reduced costs from blindness-related injuries, but MacDonald said that doesn't help her now.

"Every day I meet with groups who tell me that if I could spend money on

their requests now they would save the health-care system money down the road. That doesn't put money in my pocket now," she said.

Opposition parties have been hammering away at the NDP on Lucentis during question period, noting the NDP lobbied for the drug's funding when in opposition.

Premier Darrell Dexter responded Thursday to a question from Tory Leader Karen Casey by noting she did not approve the drug when she was health minister, which sparked shouts of anger from some Tory MLAs.

Casey said the science has become clearer on Lucentis since the Progressive Conservatives were in office.



Maureen MacDonald

## Scientist to study Gulf cleanup

**ENVIRONMENT** A local scientist who is being sent to study the cleanup of a massive U.S. oil spill says the effect on fish of chemical dispersants being used to break down the oil remains largely unknown, despite their low toxicity.

"I tell people low toxicity is not no toxicity," said Kenneth Lee, executive director of the Centre for Offshore Oil and Gas Research for Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

"We're still looking at the science of what are the effects of dispersants. And we're not only looking at the effects of whether it kills the fish, we're looking at what does it do to the health of the fish."

Lee and two other experts from the Bedford Institute of Oceanography were scheduled to arrive

**"This type of material (the spill) may have the consistency of something like mayonnaise, it's very difficult to clean up."**

Kenneth Lee, Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Thursday in Louisiana to begin assessing the efficiency and safety of cleanup methods. Lee was unsure how long the team would be in the U.S.

A blown-out well has been spewing hundreds of thousands of litres a day into the Gulf of Mexico since an offshore drilling

rig exploded and sank last month.

Lee, who's been studying cleanup and habitat recovery for nearly three decades, said this spill presents a challenge because the oil is mixing with sea water at the surface and becoming thick.

"This type of material may have the consistency of something like mayonnaise, it's very difficult to clean up," he told reporters a couple of hours before catching a flight to New Orleans.

Lee said the team will study the use of chemical oil dispersants in the Gulf, which he likened to a dishwashing detergent. Dispersants break down an oil slick into tiny droplets in hopes of diluting it with tides and currents.

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## Levy act for tourism campaign close to assent

**LEGISLATURE** The act that would allow for a levy on most accommodations in Cape Breton to fund a marketing campaign has passed third reading in the provincial legislature.

The only remaining obstacle is obtaining royal assent, which Destination Cape Breton CEO Mary Tulle said could come at any time.

"We are very excited to say that it has cleared most of the hurdles at this point," she said.

Talk of launching a levy

### Cape Breton

• Destination Cape Breton CEO Mary Tulle said she hopes the levy, which is a commonly used tool to support tourism in other regions, will begin being collected this season, and she's pleased with the supportive comments she has received.

to fund a tourism marketing campaign for the island dates back to 2003. The process was hampered by concerns about the original

proposal by some tourism operators and municipalities. Several changes were made including that the levy would not apply to accommodations with fewer than 10 rooms.

Last year, Inverness council voted against signing on to the plan, saying it was taking its lead from local operators in approaching the matter. They did support no longer requiring that all municipalities on the island endorse the strategy in order for it to move ahead.

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# Slow down — it's the law

Drivers must reduce speed while passing ambulances

**Dave Lilly has had "several" close calls while responding to emergency calls on the highway.**

The Millbrook RCMP corporal said he has had vehicles come within eight inches of his driver's side mirror as he prepared to get out of his cruiser.

The Mountie has even been at accidents where people driving by are so interested in what was going on they ended up rear-ending the vehicle they were following. They are stories many emergency responders could echo.

But Lilly is hopeful things will change.

New provincial legislation came into effect May 1 requiring motorists to slow down when passing stopped emergency vehicles with their lights flashing. Motorists must reduce their speed to 60 km/h or the posted speed limit, if it is less.

Motorists must also move to a lane away from the emergency if one is available and it is safe to do so.



An ambulance heads up Robie Street Thursday. New legislation came into effect May 1, which requires drivers to slow down to 60 km/h or the posted speed limit when passing stopped emergency vehicles with their lights flashing.

"We are at risk every day when we're out there on the highway," Lilly said.

"We don't speed through your office, don't speed through ours."

Lilly and some of his fellow officers in Millbrook spent time passing out more than 250 flyers this week with information

about the changes to motorists.

It wasn't about enforcement, but rather educating and informing the public of the need to slow down.

"This law is going to help protect us," Lilly said.

The RCMP's education appears to be needed. The alarming thing Lilly found

## Punishment

The fines, including court costs, for breaking the law range from \$340.21 to \$2,410.21, depending on the vehicle's speed.

out was the public's lack of knowledge regarding the changes.

"Over half the people don't know what I am talking about," he said.

Halifax RCMP spokesman Cpl. Joe Taplin said its officers would also be handing out the flyers at upcoming police checkpoints.

Taplin also echoed Lilly's sentiments on obeying the new law — and not just because it could hurt your pocket book.

"When emergency lights are flashing, it's very important the drivers slow down because there are three agencies out there trying to protect them and possibly save lives," he said.

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# Hit-and-run driver gets two years plus a day

**SENTENCE** A judge in New Brunswick sentenced the driver involved in a hit and run that killed a woman in a wheelchair last summer to two years plus a day in prison Thursday, calling her decision not to return to the scene of the accident callous.

Darcie Victoria West, 20, had earlier pleaded guilty to leaving the scene of an accident without stopping to render assistance, and attempting to impede justice.

The accident Aug. 29 at an intersection in Fredericton killed 33-year-old Diane Trotter of Toronto.

Provincial court Judge Mary Jane Richards focused on West's conduct after the accident.

"Although the original act of leaving the scene is explained by perhaps an impulsive panic response,

**"You never returned, never called the police..."**

Provincial court Judge Mary Jane Richards to Darcie West

and is morally reprehensible, much worse is that you never returned, never called the police even after having time to reflect," she said to West, who sobbed as she was led from court.

"Instead, you began planning the obstruction the next day and continued that pathway until you were ultimately discovered. This demonstrates a high degree of callousness and someone who has shrugged off their responsibility to a helpless woman and to society."

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## News in brief

**RELIEF** An international conference focusing on post-disaster sheltering will be hosted by the Canadian Red Cross in Halifax this summer. The conference will take place from June 1-3 at the Lord Nelson Hotel.

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# Canada



## Lobbying? No no, says MP

Liberal MP Derek Lee was accused Thursday of illegally lobbying the government on behalf of foreign companies. The Toronto MP dismissed the allegation as a misunderstanding generated by a misleading profile of him that appeared on the website of a Toronto law firm. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## 'I have been ... convicted, and sentenced'

Turfed by PM and dumped by her riding, Guergis vows to fight back

### The Guergis file

- Prime Minister Stephen Harper demoted Helena Guergis after a Toronto Star investigation revealed links between her and her husband — ex-MP Rahim Jaffer — and associates involved in questionable business activities.
- Harper said he referred information on Guergis to the Mounties but has refused to detail his allegations. And the RCMP has not said if there is an investigation involving Guergis.

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### Helena Guergis is not going down without a fight.

The former junior cabinet minister has written to the Conservative party asking it to reverse a decision to drop her as the Tory candidate in the Ontario riding of Simcoe-Grey.

In the meantime, a potentially powerful candidate, pediatric surgeon Kellie Leitch, is weighing her options on whether to make a formal run for the nomination.

Guergis said she's appealing the party's decision, and wants the party to give her a chance to

**"There have been endless rumours and allegations unfairly levelled against me."**

Helena Guergis

clear her name and rejoin the Conservative caucus.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper booted her from caucus after a private eye made allegations of tax evasion and the potential existence of compromising photographs.

Harper also referred the

matter to the RCMP.

"In recent weeks, in essence, I have been charged, convicted, and sentenced without any due process or knowing what I have done wrong," Guergis wrote to party executive director Dan Hilton.

"There have been endless rumours and allegations unfairly levelled against me, but to date I have not been given a specific reason for my removal from caucus nor has there been any investigation launched, let alone concluded."

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Helena Guergis has been dropped as a Tory candidate.

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## Harper won't boot MP in BMO case

**POLITICS** What kind of allegation or RCMP scrutiny will get a Conservative booted from caucus?

According to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, allegations of a civil or "private" nature don't cross the line — and that's why Alberta MP Devinder Shory is still sitting with his Tory colleagues.

Shory is one of dozens of people named in a Calgary lawsuit alleging a \$70-million mortgage fraud — one of the largest in Canadian history — against the Bank of Montreal.

"This is a civil action, it's not a criminal matter, it's a private matter," Harper told reporters Thursday during a trip to the Netherlands.

"Its origin is before he became a member of Parliament and it's before the court, so I'm not going to comment."

But opposition leaders had trouble seeing the distinction between the Helena Guergis and Shory cases.

"There are some very serious allegations from a very credible third party," NDP Leader Jack Layton said in the Commons.

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## Survivor **She'll never forget that day in Montreal**



Montreal massacre survivor Nathalie Provost takes a moment to remember, following a small commemorative ceremony on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Thursday. In 1989, a rifle-wielding Marc Lépine gunned down 28 people at École Polytechnique, killing 14 women. Provost was shot four times.

## Pardons derail background checks, Liberal warns

**CHILDREN** A directive from Ottawa that has made it nearly impossible for school boards and other groups to do criminal background checks on people who work with children needs to be clarified — quickly, says an Ontario Liberal.

Liz Sandals says an agency that investigates criminal records on staff and volunteers for educational institutions can no longer access full records of sexual offenders who were granted pardons. "There's a whole lot of people who actually interact with children on a very regular basis, and there's actually no legal way of getting at the sexual offender history," said the Liberal backbencher.

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# Deadline looms for deal on Afghan docs

The Conservative government and opposition parties may not be able to meet Tuesday's deadline for a deal on Afghan detainee documents.

House of Commons Speaker Peter Milliken gave parties until Tuesday to agree on how to view all documents uncensored, while protecting national security.

They continue to inch toward an agreement, but Liberal House leader Ralph Goodale says they may have to ask for an extension. "It's dealing with the

**"It's dealing with the Canadian public interest in a serious way."**

Ralph Goodale

Canadian public interest in a serious way and we take that responsibility seriously," he said Thursday, following the third meeting of negotiators from all parties. Failure to resolve the matter among themselves would prompt a contempt of Parliament motion against the government,

which could trigger a court challenge or an election.

Earlier this week, the parties expressed optimism that a deal could be reached by Friday. But opposition negotiators were more cautious Thursday after receiving a concrete proposal from the government, saying they need time to reflect on it.

They confirmed all parties have agreed that a small committee made up of at least one MP from each party and sworn to secrecy should view all documents. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Police groups unite to fight for gun registry

**GUN LAWS** Three top police groups came together Thursday to defend the long-gun registry, even as the Conservative government called on three retired officers to speak against it.

The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, the Canadian Police Association and the Canadian Association of Police Boards came out against a private-member's bill that aims to scrap the registry.

The heads of all three groups — representing police chiefs, frontline officers and the boards that employ them — said per-

ceptions of the registry are dated and rife with misconceptions. While they acknowledged it got off to a bad start, they lamented the "misinformation" that has driven government policy and shaped public opinion on the registry of rifles and shotguns.

They said it's not the billion-dollar boondoggle it's been made out to be. It's now under RCMP control, it's well run and it costs taxpayers just \$4 million a year, they said, adding police used it 3.8 million times last year. They said it saves lives.

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## Drug makers seek price cut relief

**PHARMACEUTICALS** The manufacturing costs of some generic drugs are too high to slash prices by 50 per cent under

Ontario's controversial reforms, Health Minister Deb Matthews said Thursday. Negotiations have taken place for weeks with generic drug makers to work out exceptions to the rule, Matthews said after generic giant Apotex Inc. sent a letter to pharmacies warning of trouble ahead. The letter did not specify which drugs could be in jeopardy because that information is viewed as sensitive in the cutthroat generic drug industry, sources said.

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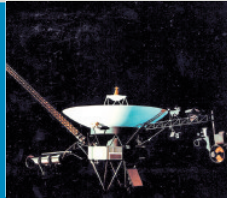
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U.S. safety officials are looking into a handful of reports of severe rashes caused by new types of Pampers diapers. The Consumer Product Safety Commission started an investigation this week following complaints of babies and toddlers suffering severe and persistent diaper rashes and blisters that resemble chemical burns. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# World



## Spacecraft having technical difficulties

NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory says engineers are trying to diagnose a problem in data from the aging Voyager 2 spacecraft, left, near the edge of the solar system. A JPL statement Thursday says there appears to be a problem in a system that formats data sent to Earth. An unexpected change has prevented mission managers from decoding science data. Voyager 2 and its twin, Voyager 1, were launched in 1977 and are now the most distant human-made objects after a tour of the outer planets. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

If you don't succeed, try 959 more times

**LICENCE** A South Korean woman who earned a driver's licence after 960 tries is ready to buy a car and get behind the wheel.

Yonhap news agency reported Thursday that 69-year-old Cha Sa-soon passed the driving part of the test last month on her 10th try. South Korea requires a written test first, and Cha took it nearly daily since April 2005 before passing last year. Yonhap quoted her as saying she wanted to buy a small second-hand car to visit her son and daughter and for her business selling vegetables. Repeated calls seeking comment from her went unanswered. Officials at the drivers' licence agency in Jeonju, 210 kilometres south of Seoul, were not available for comment.

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British Conservative Leader David Cameron visits a pub early Friday in his constituency.

## Coalition on the way in Britain?

**ELECTION** British Prime Minister Gordon Brown indicated Friday he might try to form a coalition government, seeking to keep his Labour Party in power following an election in which the opposition Conservatives were projected to win the most seats but not gain a majority in Parlia-

ment. But Conservative Leader David Cameron — whose party was projected to snatch more than 90 seats from Labour and produce its best showing in 80 years — insisted that voters in Britain's national election Thursday did not want Labour to remain at the

helm of the government.

"I believe it is already clear that the Labour government has lost its mandate to govern our country," Cameron said Friday. "Our country wants change. That change is going to require new leadership."

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## Crisis sends markets on ride

North American stock markets embarked on a brief but dizzying roller-coaster ride Thursday that had all the earmarks of a classic panic selloff in the face of spreading economic turmoil in Greece.

Trading was down all day, but remained orderly until shortly after 2:30 p.m. EDT, when Wall Street, Bay Street and currency markets all suddenly pitched headlong into a blackout-inducing plunge.

The Dow Jones in New York tumbled 600 points in about six minutes to come close to a 1,000-point loss, the low point of a turbulent day for the world's most important stock market.

The index later recovered to a loss of nearly 350 points at the close.

The Toronto Stock Exchange fell more than 450 points — a drop of more than four per cent — before recovering to near break-even.

The Canadian loonie nosedived by more than four cents to fall below 93.02 cents US — the first

**350** The Dow Jones in

New York closed at a loss of 350 points after a roller-coaster day that saw it fall 600 points in six minutes.

time it had been that low since early February. It later recovered to close down more than two cents at 95.03 cents US.

"This is the kind of day we last saw in 2008," said CIBC chief economist Avery Shenfeld, referring to the beginning of the financial crisis on Wall Street that precipitated a global recession.

"Everybody is trying to stay ahead of the lemmings that are jumping off the cliff."

The biggest news in Europe was that the Greek parliament had approved stringent austerity measures that clear the way to receiving a \$145-billion bailout package.

The news should have eased the concerns of investors, not added to them.

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**Man charged with raping, torturing woman after bringing her to U.S.**

A Guatemalan-born woman told police her boyfriend tortured and repeatedly raped her after paying for her move to the U.S. Police say the woman told authorities she was raped and tortured during a one-year period after she moved to Connecticut in 2008. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

world **11**

In this photo released by China's Xinhua News Agency Thursday, two women who lost relatives in a tornado that swept through the village cry by the remains of destroyed houses in southwest China's Chongqing Municipality.

## Tornado kills dozens

**A tornado and strong winds swept through southwestern China early Thursday, killing at least 29 people and injuring nearly 200, the Ministry of Civil Affairs said.**

More than 70,000 people were relocated after torrential wind, rain and hail lashed the city of Chongqing overnight, the ministry said on its website. One person remains missing and 190 have been hurt, it said.

Thousands of buildings have been damaged in the hardest hit counties of Liangping and Dianjiang, disaster relief officials said,

according to the official Xinhua News Agency.

In Dianjiang, storms destroyed 980 residential buildings and damaged more than 10,000. The damage was estimated at more than \$17.6 million US, a county government spokesman said.

Xinhua said the tornado struck the area around 2 a.m. Thursday. Winds reached up to 112 km/h, while heavy rains pounded the area over a 24-hour period.

The Chongqing municipal civil affairs bureau has

sent 300 tents, 1,000 quilts and emergency lights to the affected regions. In addition, municipal health authorities have dispatched two teams of medical workers to storm-hit areas.

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## Group urges Lebanon to prosecute

**MURDER** An international human rights group is calling on Lebanese authorities to prosecute villagers involved in the recent lynching of a murder suspect.

Egyptian national Mohammed Msalleem was stabbed to death by angry mobs in the Chouf mountain town of Katermaya who then paraded his body through town and hanged it from an electricity pole.

Msalleem had been arrested a day earlier on suspicion of killing four members of a local family.

London-based Amnesty International said in a statement Thursday nothing can justify mobs taking the law into their own hands. It said Lebanese authorities faced a test and urged them to prosecute those behind the lynching.

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## Weakening El Nino could complicate storm forecasting

**WEATHER** The El Nino condition in the Pacific Ocean seems to be easing and could be over by June, U.S. government climate experts reported Thursday.

If conditions do revert to neutral, it could complicate forecasting this summer's hurricanes, since El Nino years tend to have fewer storms than normal in the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico.

Last month, forecasters Philip J. Klotzbach and William M. Gray of Colorado State University said they foresee above-average storm activity for the Atlantic hurricane season due to a warming of tropical Atlantic "and a more confident view that the current El Nino will weaken."

This year, things were complicated by high pressure over Greenland that pushed cold, wet weather south leading to blizzards along the East Coast.

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### El Nino/La Nina

• So-called La Nina years, when the Pacific is colder than usual, can lead to an increase in Atlantic hurricanes, but neutral conditions between the two make the storm season harder to predict. The U.S. government's hurricane forecast for this summer is due out later this month. El Nino is often noted as warmer than normal water in the tropical Pacific.

Nino/La Nina conditions, the U.S. National Centers for Environmental Prediction said warm conditions in the Pacific continue, but have weakened since the end of February.

Most models predict neutral conditions through the end of the year, but a few suggest the possibility of a La Nina developing, according to the Centers.

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## Crossing U.S.-Mexican border illegally can be deadly venture

**STATISTICS** The number of people who died trying to cross the U.S.-Mexico border illegally last year rose to 417, the first increase in four years, despite declines in apprehensions, according to an advocacy group.

The number of deaths hit a peak of 492 in 2005, but had fallen every year since then to a low of 390 in 2008, the National Foundation for American Policy said Thursday, citing U.S. Border Patrol statistics.

Meanwhile, apprehensions of illegal immigrants trying to cross the southern border fell to 538,000 last year, down from 705,022 the previous year. Apprehensions peaked at 1.17 million in 2005, according to the foundation, which supports increasing visas for people to legally come to the U.S.

A lack of U.S. jobs and

**417** Number of people who died trying to cross illegally from Mexico into the U.S. last year.

tighter enforcement are thought to be reasons for the steady drops in apprehensions.

Last October, the U.S. Border Patrol had reported 378 deaths for 11 months of fiscal year 2009 and warned the final number for the full year probably would increase.

Fortification of the nearly 2,000-mile border has forced migrants to enter the United States at areas with more difficult terrain, making crossing the border illegally more deadly. Men, women and children are among the dead each year.

Stuart Anderson, the

foundation's executive director, said the deaths reflect flawed enforcement policies that do not provide enough opportunity for migrants to enter the country legally.

Anderson was uncertain whether the increase relates to escalating drug-related violence in Mexico. The Border Patrol was analyzing its own data to determine whether drug violence had an effect on the numbers.

The Border Patrol regularly rescues migrants who are felled by searing heat; swept up in river waters that serve as the international border; perish in attacks by gangs or wildlife, or other scenarios.

The Border Patrol rescued 1,277 people near the Southwestern border last year, the foundation reported. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### News in brief

**SPACE** NASA engineers successfully catapulted the new Orion crew capsule about a 1.6 kilometres into the air Thursday morning as part of a test of a launch-abort system. The launch-abort system hurtled the capsule from a desert launch pad and reached speeds of about 724 km/h in just 2.5 seconds. The launch-abort system is designed to whisk astronauts and the capsule to safety in case of a problem on the launch pad, such as a fire, or during the climb to orbit. The abort system has been in development for about four years and involves a trio of

high-performance rocket motors that sit atop the capsule. The Orion capsule was originally designed to take astronauts back to the moon. But U.S. President Barack Obama in February killed NASA's \$100-billion plans to return to the moon, redirecting the money for new rocket technology research.

**LOS ANGELES** A man suspected of killing his ex-girlfriend and her brother after storming into their parents' California home with an assault rifle was only grazed by a deputy's bullet and was not hospitalized. The Los Angeles County sheriff's office

says 27-year-old Joseph Mercado was taken to a sheriff's station Thursday and booked for investigation of murder. Sheriff's Lt. Don Slawson said Mercado was grazed in the head by a deputy's bullet during the confrontation. Authorities said Mercado was upset over a breakup with his girlfriend and went to her family's home south of Los Angeles shortly before 4 a.m. Investigators said he went room to room, killing the woman and her brother and wounding her parents. Slawson said the gunman had planned to burn down the home. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Ecuador **Protesting water regulation**



A woman clashes with police officers Thursday as she protests a new law that regulates water resources outside the National Assembly in Quito, Ecuador. The National Assembly is debating the bill that would regulate water for the first time.



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# Pay for performance a novel idea

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Stephen Kimber

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty is proposing legislation — delightfully entitled the “Excellent Care for All” bill — to connect the salaries and bonuses of provincial hospital chief executive officers with their

on-the-job performance.

We’re not talking here simply about how well the CEOs manage to shave operating room costs or slash vital support jobs to meet too-small budgets, but what they do to improve the quality of patient care. Has the hospital reduced the rates of infection among patients from one year to the next, for example? Has it reduced the number of patients who are discharged, only to be re-admitted? And what about the number of medical errors? Up? Down? As patient care goes, so goes executive

compensation.

McGuinty thinks this is such a good idea he’s considering applying it to CEOs of every Ontario crown corporation and agency.

Why not do the same in Nova Scotia? And why stop with the public sector? What if we applied more than just bottom-line calculations to private sector compensation?

Last month, Emera, which owns our electrical power utility, announced its CEO, Chris Huskison, had earned more than twice as much in bonuses and stock options — a

nudge more than \$1.5 million — as he took home in salary, which in 2009 amounted to a paltry \$649,038. Rob Bennett, the president of Emera’s Nova Scotia Power subsidiary, received more than twice his \$336,692 salary in benefits.

The company’s management circular attributed the executives’ good fortune — both men did even better in 2009 than in 2008 — to Emera’s showing in the stock market.

But what if those bonuses had been based on other factors? Customer satisfaction, for example? Electrici-

ty rate increases not requested? How about the number of times power outages were not blamed on salty fog? Better, the number of outages that didn’t happen, or the speed with which power was restored when they did?

Those are also signs — perhaps more telling in the long term — of a well run company. Why not recognize them when doling out bonuses?

Or how about Eastlink, one of the companies that received federal and provincial funding but failed to meet its deadline

— “the project completion date has moved,” in corporate-speak — to supply broadband Internet service to all rural Nova Scotians? Why not reduce its CEO’s compensation package for each day it fails to complete? In 2010, that’s 126 days ... and counting.

Dalton McGuinty is on to something here. There are other important measuring sticks for success beyond the bottom line. Time to factor them in, too.

Stephen Kimber, the Rogers Communications Chair in Journalism at the University of Kings College, is the author of eight books.

## Worth mentioning

# Shoe architect’s heels take a step up

A designer known as Romania’s “shoe architect” has come out with a new pair of sandals that increase a woman’s height by 30 centimetres.

The new shoes are being compared to skyscrapers because of their towering heels. But the price also may have something to do with it. In a nation, where the average salary is \$575 a month, the hand-crafted sandals are selling for up to \$1,525.

“Heels have an advantage because (many women) don’t have long legs,” said Mihai Albu, who’s had a 20-year love affair making

stilettoes. “They reposition the waist,” he said in an interview earlier this week in his Bucharest atelier.

High heels have become fashionable, but Albu’s are at least twice the height of ones that international designers have been flirting with for several years.

For instance, in Washington last month independent boutiques were strutting footwear that seemed revolutionary, such as apple red patent and black stiletto heels. But the platforms were only four centimetres and the red heels 11 centimetres.

“This is unusual, but I



Romanian designer Mihai Albu displays one of his shoe creations in Bucharest.

think we can expect many other fashion houses to be doing this,” said Marcellous Jones, editor-in-chief of the Fashion Insider online magazine, by telephone.

“They are impractical,

but there are women who are brave enough to wear them. They get attention for the wearer and the designer,” Jones said.

Albu, a former architect, blends math, architecture and art in his creations, which are more foot sculpture than regular footwear.

He uses French leather and encrusts it with jewels, feathers, mirrors, and taps into Romanian women’s perennial love affair with high heels.

Despite the price, Albu says he has received dozens of orders for his new sandals from Romania’s well-heeled.

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Japanese game-maker Nintendo suffered its first drop in annual profit in six years, hit by a price cut for the Wii home console and sliding global sales. The maker of Super Mario and Pokemon games said Thursday its net profit for the fiscal year ended March 31 fell 18 per cent to 228.6 billion yen (\$2.5 billion). **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Business

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## Stronachs letting go at Magna

**AUTO** Magna International Inc. shareholders will get a chance to end the Stronach family's absolute control over the global auto parts maker.

Frank Stronach and his family have controlled the company through a stock structure that gives the Stronach Trust more votes than all other shareholders. The company said Thursday Stronach Trust has now agreed to let other shareholders vote on eliminating the family's special rights.

The news sent Magna's shares soaring. At late morning, they had added \$8.81 or nearly 14 per cent to \$73.08 on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

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## No profits, but losses down for Air Canada

**Improving business travel revenues helped Air Canada sharply narrow its losses in the first quarter as the economy continued to slowly recover in the first months of the year.**

Canada's largest airline reported Thursday that premium cabin revenues grew by \$58 million or 15 per cent from last year, driven by a 10.6 per cent increase in traffic.

The gains accounted for almost 70 per cent of the \$84 million increase in system passenger revenues, which rose to nearly \$2.1 billion.

Premium cabin yields — the price to fly a passenger per mile — improved in all markets, rising by 3.9 per

### Recovering

• Air Canada lost \$85 million in the seasonally weak first quarter ended March 31. That compares with a net loss of \$400 million a year ago.

cent. Lower yields in the economy cabin reduced overall pricing by 2.2 per cent across the system.

The first quarter marked an improvement from last year and sequential growth over the last six months. But it still remained well below pre-recession levels.

"Nonetheless, this is a positive indicator that busi-

ness travel demand is slowly starting to return," Air Canada CEO Calin Rovinescu said during a conference call with analysts.

He said the improvement demonstrated that the airline's initiatives such as paid upgrade programs are starting to stick, and that customers are recognizing the value of its business offering.

In another development, Air Canada says it expects to lose about \$20 million in operating profits from flight cancellations after the closure of European airspace for five days in April because of volcanic ash from the volcanic eruption in Iceland.

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BCE Inc. CEO George A. Cope, right, talks with BCE chief financial officer Siim Vanaseltja at the company's AGM in Montreal yesterday.

## Usage-based Internet billing gets CRTC's OK

**ONLINE** The CRTC has approved Bell Canada's request to bill Internet customers, both retail and wholesale, based on how much they download each month.

The plan, known as usage-based billing, will apply to people who buy their internet connection from Bell, or from smaller service providers that rent lines from the company.

In the meantime, Canada's largest telecommuni-

cations company BCE Inc. rang up a \$608-million profit in the first quarter, a period when the company showcased itself as the exclusive telecom services provider to the Vancouver Winter Olympics.

The company reported Thursday net earnings applicable to common shares of 79 cents a share, compared to profits of \$377 million, or 48 cents, for the same 2009 period.

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## Building permits up by 12.2%

**CONSTRUCTION** The value of building permits increased 12.2 per cent in March to \$6.3 billion after four months of decline.

Statistics Canada reports the figure was 38.9 per cent higher than year earlier, mainly on the strength of multi-family and industrial building permits.

Construction intentions increased 13.9 per cent in the residential sector to \$4.2 billion, thanks to a substantial gain in permits for multi-family dwellings, particularly in Ontario and British Columbia.

In the non-residential sector, municipalities issued \$2.1 billion worth of permits, up 9.1 per cent from February, mainly as a result of higher construction intentions in the industrial and institutional components.

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## Auto dealers upbeat

**AUTO** Canada's new car dealers say they expect 2010 to be a rebuilding year for sales after last year's crash.

The Canadian Automobile Dealers Association says first-quarter sales have been strong, up 15 per cent over the same period last year.

For the full year, they expect an improvement of five or six per cent over last year's recessionary

level. That would mean about 1.55 million new vehicle sales, still well below 2008's record 1.65 million.

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**Carpet maker to shut down**

Carpet maker Beaulieu Canada says it's shutting down its plant in Acton Vale, Que., and laying off nearly 50 people. The company says the bath and floor plant's sole customer decided to begin producing its own products in a U.S. plant which has excess capacity. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## iPhone leak details stay under wraps

**WARRANT** California prosecutors have opposed unsealing details of a search warrant used in the unfolding iPhone prototype saga, saying it contains the names of two individuals of interest to investigators.

Several media outlets, including The Associated Press, asked a San Mateo judge Thursday to unseal the records.

The records list the reasons for the warrant used in an April 23 raid of the home of a blogger who posted pictures and details of an iPhone prototype.

A decision to unseal has been postponed until next week.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Biovail dividend despite loss

**PHARMA** Biovail Corp. has boosted its dividend, even as the Canadian drugmaker tumbled to a \$3.2-million US loss in the first quarter on extra charges related to agreements with other pharmaceutical companies.

The loss was worth two cents per share, compared with a \$39-million profit year-ago, or 25 cents per share, the Toronto-area drug developer and manufacturer said Thursday.

Biovail also increased its quarterly dividend by 5.5 per cent to 9.5 cents per common share. The results included a \$51-million charge for in-process research and development costs. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Mosque Sensitive site



This aerial photo shows the New York city block, lower right, where a 13-storey mosque is planned for construction two blocks north of the World Trade Center site, upper left. The plan for the \$100 million mosque and cultural centre received initial support on Wednesday from a community board in Lower Manhattan.

## Toyota agrees to 'black boxes' in cars

**AUTO** A U.S. trade group representing Detroit automakers and Toyota Motor Corp. plans to pledge support for requiring brake override systems and vehicle "black boxes" on all new vehicles as Congress develops new safety improvements following Toyota's large recalls.

Toyota's recall of more than eight million vehicles around the globe to fix faulty accelerator pedals and brake problems with Prius hybrids has prompted major changes to auto safety requirements.

Congress is pushing the auto industry to meet new safety standards and

plans to impose tougher penalties on car companies that fail to quickly report safety defects to the government.

A draft bill by the House Energy and Commerce Committee would eliminate the cap on civil penalties an automaker could face and empower the government to order an immediate safety recall if it finds an "imminent hazard of death or serious injury."

The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, which represents General Motors, Ford, Chrysler, Toyota and others, said in a preview of its testimony that it would support vehicle brake override stan-

dards that "will reassure consumers that they can count on their automobiles."

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# Visas could affect EU trade deal

**Canada's decision to impose visa requirements on Czech visitors is emerging as a potential stumbling block in efforts to strike an ambitious free-trade deal with the European Union.**

Officials on both sides of the bargaining table have said that European negotiators are citing the requirement as a concern that must be addressed.

Ottawa hopes to strike an even more comprehensive deal than the North American Free Trade Agreement by the end of 2011, and predicts such a treaty could boost the country's GDP by \$12 billion annually.

The initial negotiating rounds have gone smoothly, and the sides remain confident there will be a deal — but the next step is to address more con-

tentious issues.

A European Union official said one of those "stickier issues" will be the travel restriction, and that EU negotiators will seek to overturn it. "They will be pushing for an eventual re-normalization of the situation," said the European official.

The Harper government imposed visa requirements last year on the Czech Republic and Mexico in an effort to stem the flood of refugee claimants from those countries.

A Canadian government source downplayed the issue, calling it a "minor irritant" that is of greater concern to the Czech government than it is to the overall European negotiating team.

The Czech government indeed says it may not approve of any deal until the travel restriction is overturned. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Former Halifax Mooseheads captain Rane Carnegie has signed with Rapaces de Gap, a club in Ligue Magnus, the top professional hockey league in France. The 25-year-old forward played for Kiekko-Laser at Finland's second level last season, recording 13 points in 10 games. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Sports



## Gaudet hasn't played yet

Bayside's Derek Gaudet has yet to suit up for the Portland (Ore.) Timbers in the United States Soccer Federation Division 2 Professional League. The Timbers, who signed the 20-year-old midfielder in March, lead the United Soccer League conference with a 3-0-1 record. **METRO HALIFAX**

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## Durocher gets 2-year extension

**HOCKEY** The Cape Breton Screaming Eagles are sticking with Mario Durocher.

The Screaming Eagles, who were ousted from the QMJHL playoffs in the first round, have signed Durocher to a two-year extension as head coach and general manager through the 2011-12 season.



Mario Durocher

He has held the dual role for the past two seasons and was an assistant coach for the two previ-

ous seasons. The Magog, Que., native has an 88-39-5-4 record with the Screaming Eagles and is 282-231-26 lifetime in the QMJHL. He won the President's Cup with the Victoriaville Tigres in 2002 and won silver as head coach of Team Canada at the 2004 world junior championship in Finland.

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## Sports in brief

**QMJHL** The Moncton Wildcats are looking to win their second QMJHL championship on the weekend. The Wildcats have a 2-1 lead over the Saint John Sea Dogs in the best-of-seven final. Game 4 is Friday at 7:35 p.m. at Moncton Coliseum and Game 5 is Saturday at 7:05 p.m. at Harbour Station in Saint John, N.B. The Wildcats won their first President's Cup in 2005.

**CFL** Corbin Sharun, a former St. Francis Xavier X-Men quarterback, signed with the Edmonton Eskimos earlier this week. The 21-year-old, who converted to free safety after leaving St. F.X., earned a three-year

deal with an option after being picked in the sixth round (43rd overall) of Sunday's draft.

**NHL** Don Maloney of the Phoenix Coyotes, George McPhee of the Washington Capitals and David Poile of the Nashville Predators are the finalists for the inaugural NHL general manager of the year award. The winner will be announced during the Stanley Cup final, the NHL said in a release Thursday. Voting was conducted among the 30 club general managers and a panel of NHL executives, print and broadcast media.

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# Fighting on the come up

Cole Harbour's T.J. Grant to take on Johny Hendricks at UFC 113

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**T.J. Grant has gotten a taste of the financial rewards associated with being a UFC fighter. He hopes there's more where that came from.**

The 26-year-old Cole Harbour native heads into UFC 113 in Montreal on Saturday on the heels of a big win in December that saw him pocket a hefty bonus of \$65,000 US.

Grant (15-3) won the "knockout of the night" when his right punch to the jaw of Kevin Burns earned him a victory at UFC 107 on Dec. 12.

"It was a nice little bonus," said Grant, who used the money to pay off some bills and buy a Nissan Maxima.

"It opens your eyes to the opportunities that are in front of you in this sport and shows you there's some green at the end of the tunnel."

With a 2-1 record in three UFC bouts, Grant signed a new four-fight contract after the Burns victory and can further establish himself as an up-and-comer with a win on Saturday against Johny



T.J. Grant takes a punch from Dong Hyun Kim at UFC 100 in Las Vegas on July 11, 2009.

Hendricks in a welter-weight matchup on the undercard.

Hendricks, undefeated with a 7-0 record, won two NCAA wrestling titles at Oklahoma State and has relied on that ability as a mixed-martial artist.

"I obviously don't want

to end up on my back against such a high-level wrestler — it's going to be tough to get out from underneath that," Grant said. "I want to keep it where I'm comfortable, and that's pretty much everywhere else."

"I've got to get out there,

## Other fights

• A rematch between Lyoto Machida and Mauricio Rua headlines UFC 113 at Bell Centre in Montreal on Saturday. The light heavyweights met in UFC 104 in October, with Machida winning in a controversial unanimous decision. Jason MacDonald, a native of Merigomish, Pictou Co., who lives in Red Deer, Alta., and has a 24-13 record, will face John Salter (4-1) on the preliminary card.

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move around, beat him up and take the fight to him."

Grant is no stranger to Montreal, having won four of five fights in the city. He called it a "great place to fight" and actually requested being part of UFC 113 when he found out it would be in Canada.

With three UFC fights under his belt, Grant is starting to get more and more comfortable on his sport's biggest stage.

"I'm pretty realistic with where my skills are and where I want them to be," he said.

"I'm just going to keep on working at it."

## Marchand could see playoff action for Bruins

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**NHL** The Boston Bruins' injury situation could open the door for Brad Marchand to make his NHL playoff debut.

The Hammonds Plains native and former Halifax Mooseheads forward is in the mix with minor-league veteran Trent Whitfield to step into the Bruins' lineup on Friday night against the Philadelphia Flyers.

A spot opened Wednesday when high-scoring centre David Krejci was lost for the rest of the playoffs with a broken wrist.

Marchand, 21, has been a Black Ace during the playoffs, the label given to players who practise but do not play. He appeared in 20 games with the Bruins this season, recording

one assist, and produced 32 points in 34 games with the American Hockey League's Providence Bruins.

"We've got a lot of guys that have been around our team now for a while," Bruins head coach Claude Julien told reporters.

"I think I'm going to keep my decision probably for (Friday). I've still got a whole day to sort things out here and we've got a lot of guys capable of jumping in and doing the job. It's a matter of picking and choosing who we want."

Whitfield, 32, appeared in 16 games with the Bruins and had 43 points in 52 games with Providence. Whitfield has 14 games of NHL playoff experience and is a natural centre. Marchand plays left and right wings.



Hammonds Plains native Brad Marchand.

Andrew Bodnarchuk, another Hammonds Plains native and former Mooseheads star, is a candidate to step into the Bruins' lineup for defenceman Adam McQuaid, who is doubtful with a leg injury.

Bodnarchuk, Andy Wozniwski and Jeff Penner are candidates to step in.

The Bruins have a comfortable 3-0 lead in the Eastern Conference best-of-seven quarter-final.



# Canadian soccer gets another lift

It's Called Football

Ben Rycroft

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This is the time when a columnist is supposed to coyly remind the reader he had it first.

The columnist code of ethics (of which there are none) dictates one should firmly remind the readers who broke the story, walk the readers through a tale of secret sources meetings and yet maintain a sense of decorum by not resorting to bragging.

When the Montreal Impact officially announces its expansion to MLS this morning, I won't be shouting from the rooftops that I originally reported this deal in November.

Instead, I'm going to sit back and smile as the Canadian soccer landscape expands.

This is a special time for those of us who grew up playing the game on rough, worn pitches and watching our teams on illegal Internet feeds. We're now witnessing wholesale changes to the Canadian game in the blink of an eye.

It's staggering when you look back at what's happened in just five years.

Canada now has three professional soccer fran-

chises. Games are televised on national networks and there is more mainstream print coverage than any of us could have ever imagined.

Toronto FC has become the talk of the city.

Hockey-crazed Montreal put 50,000 plus people in Olympic stadium for a soccer game in February.

And Vancouver, already established as a North American leader for its deep-rooted soccer system, is on the cusp of becoming world-class when the renovation of B.C. Place and a national training centre are completed next year.

But the game isn't mainstream just yet.

Wednesday night, unannounced, a few hundred stranded footie fans gathered electronically, squinting and straining to watch an Internet feed of the Nutrilite Voyageurs Cup game between Montreal and Vancouver.

Far from professional — hell, far from unprofessional — this game was brought to you by a webcam and a microphone pointed at a flat screen TV.

It was gritty, it was ghetto, it was Canadian soccer. As the saying goes, the revolution will not be televised.

But make no mistake, by the time Montreal joins MLS in 2012, it will be.

Watch Ben Rycroft on the It's Called Football show every Monday at metronews.ca; ben.rycroft@metronews.ca

## Russell joins ranks of NFL draft busts

**RAIDERS** Three years, more than \$39 million US and only seven wins as the starting quarterback for the Oakland Raiders.

The verdict is in on Ja-Marcus Russell's career in Oakland and he just might be the NFL's biggest draft bust.

The Raiders released Russell on Thursday, just three years after making him the No. 1 overall pick in the NFL draft.

The decision came less than two weeks after Oakland acquired Jason Campbell from Washington to take over at quarterback. It signifies that owner Al Davis finally lost patience

with the immensely talented but unproductive player he drafted in 2007 against the wishes of former coach Lane Kiffin.

"We wish him well," senior executive John Herrera told The Associated Press.

Russell will now be considered one of the biggest busts in NFL draft history, joining the likes of Ryan Leaf, Ki-Jana Carter, Akili Smith, Tony Mandarich, Charles Rogers, Heath Shuler and Blair Thomas on that list.

Russell showed up at last week's minicamp, saying he would keep coming to work until told otherwise

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Pro Football Hall of Famer Lawrence Taylor was charged Thursday with rape for having sex with a 16-year-old runaway forced into prostitution by a man who had beaten her up, police said. Taylor, a 51-year-old former New York Giants star, paid the girl \$300 US for sex, said Christopher St. Lawrence, supervisor of the town of Ramapo. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## World Cup creates stage for soccer magic

Field of Play

Scott Russell

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There's just about one month to go until the wildly anticipated FIFA World Cup kicks off in South Africa. For so many fans it promises deliverance from the ordinary even gossip progression of professional soccer, or football, or whatever it is you want to call it.

It will be a welcome break from the scandals involving French star Franck Ribery and the fretting over injuries to a litany of players such as Spanish striker Fernando Torres. This is not to mention the consternation over whether or not the England manager will allow his team's wives and girlfriends to accompany the team overseas.

No, this summer, the World Cup will provide some much needed magic and passion.

It's happened throughout the tournament's history and has every chance of unfolding for the first time on African soil where the vast majority of people in a country still wrestling with economic and racial issues are devoted to the sport.

In the past there's been Diego Maradona and the "Hand of God" goal, which sank England in 1986. Long before Zinedine Zidane was vilified for a head butt against Italy, he led

France to an improbable World Cup victory at home by scoring two goals against Brazil. Zidane became an instant national hero, his image projected on the Arc de Triomphe.

Lesser known is the greatest David and Goliath story in World Cup history.

In the Brazilian gathering of 1950 a bunch of part-time players from the United States knocked off England, the acknowledged "Kings of Football," and scuttled coronation plans.

"Sometimes the better team loses," figured 83-

**"Anything can happen when national pride and sport collide on the global stage."**

year-old midfielder Walter Bahr as he remembered the 1-0 shocker conjured up by a collection of

dishwashers, postal workers and teachers.

"I always felt that was one of the top things about sports. You can't pick the winner before hand you have to play the game."

It's the lure of what many call the greatest tournament of all. Not everything is scripted and anything can happen when national pride and sport collide on the global stage.

"Yes, it's my only claim to fame," Bahr chuckled. "People think I was a great player. I was just like everybody else ... but I was a World Cup player!"

Thankfully, only the players can deliver the magic once the World Cup begins.

Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. A 20-year CBC Sports veteran, he has covered a variety of professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

## Canadiens even series

(Series tied 2-2)

Penguins 2 Canadiens 3



**Maxim Lapierre and Brian Gionta scored early in the third period Thursday and the Montreal Canadiens held on for a 3-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins to even their Eastern Conference semifinal.**

Trailing 2-1 going into the final period, the Canadiens lifted the noise from the Bell Centre crowd of 21,273 to deafening levels as they came back to beat the defending Stanley Cup champions after having been thoroughly outskated and shot through the first 40 minutes.

Tom Pyatt scored in the first period for Montreal while Max Talbot and Chris Kunitz replied for the Penguins.

Jaroslav Halak, who made 33 saves, stopped Pens star Evgeni Malkin on a late breakaway to preserve the win. Marc-Andre



Pittsburgh goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury looks on as Montreal Roman Hamrlik celebrates teammate Brian Gionta's goal during the third period of Game 4 Thursday in Montreal.

Fleury faced 25 shots for the Penguins.

The best-of-seven series is tied 2-2 with Game 5 set for Saturday night in Pittsburgh.

The Canadiens got an early gift as Pyatt threw the puck at the net from a

tight angle at the left boards and saw it hop through Fleury's pads 2:34 into the game. It was Pyatt's first career playoff goal.

Late in the third period, Penguins captain Sidney Crosby had a glittering

chance to tie it but was thwarted at the side of the net during a power play. Crosby, who assisted on the Kunitz goal, went a fifth straight game without a goal and got only his third point of the series.

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## Franzen, Red Wings hammer Sharks to stay alive in series

(Sharks lead 3-1)

San Jose 1 Detroit 7



**NHL** Johan Franzen had a natural hat trick in a 3:26 span of the first period, scored a fourth goal in the third, and set a Red Wings playoff record with six points as Detroit stayed alive with a 7-1 rout of the San Jose Sharks Thursday night in Game 4 of their Western Conference semi-

final series.

San Jose will host Game 5 Saturday night with another chance to advance to hockey's final four for the second time in franchise history.

Franzen was originally credited with scoring the first goal 5:40 into the game, but a scoring change gave the goal to Todd Bertuzzi. That prevented Franzen from tying the NHL playoff record with four goals in a period.

Valtteri Filppula put Detroit ahead 5-0 late in the first period on a shot that

### Fab four

• Anaheim's Joffrey Lupul was the last player to score four goals in an NHL playoff game in 2006 against Colorado.

went off San Jose defenceman Douglas Murray and effectively ended goalie Evgeni Nabokov's night.

Nabokov made just four saves in the first period and was replaced by Thomas Greiss, who let the second shot he faced get

past him off Brian Rafalski's one-timer.

San Jose took advantage of a 5-on-3 power play when Dany Heatley scored with 48.5 seconds left in the second period to make it 6-1.

Jimmy Howard was solid, making 28 saves, after three straight shaky performances.

The Sharks scored four goals in each of their first three wins in the series against the two-time defending Western Conference champions.

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### Sports in brief

**NFL** Adam (Pacman) Jones agreed to a two-year deal with the Cincinnati Bengals Thursday, putting the troubled cornerback on a team with a history of giving players second chances.

**NBA** Cavaliers star LeBron James says a few days of rest and treatment has helped his injured right elbow. James, who has been bothered by a sprain and bone bruise, made it through practice Thursday without feeling any pain. He participated in all contact drills.

**NBA** Celtics general manager Danny Ainge was fined \$25,000 US by the NBA Thursday for tossing a towel to try to distract Cavaliers forward J.J. Hickson as Hickson shot a

free throw. Ainge, who was sitting courtside under the Cavs' basket, flipped a white towel over his head during the third quarter of Monday night's playoff game between Boston and Cleveland.

**MLB** Dana Eveland allowed two hits in seven scoreless innings and the Toronto Blue Jays extended their winning streak to five games Thursday night by beating the Chicago White Sox 2-0. Eveland (3-1) was in control throughout the night and outduelled another lefty, John Danks (3-1). Eveland gave up a leadoff infield single to Juan Pierre in the first and single to Alexei Ramirez in the fourth, while walking four and striking out three.

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### Movies

## Men in tight

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It pays to have famous friends: Just ask Great Big Sea's Alan Doyle, who is one of Russell Crowe's Merry Men in real life, and now on the big screen in the action-filled Robin Hood. Crowe's new take on the classic story hits theatre's next week.

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Jay Baruchel goes 'socialist' in The Trosky.

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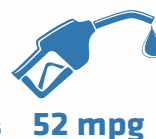




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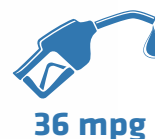


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# Doyle up the ballads and blood

Crowe picked Canadian singer for Merry Men role

STEVE GOW  
for Metro Canada



### Movie feature

Alan Doyle is admittedly one lucky dude. After all, the Newfoundland-born musician's band Great Big Sea has been a Canadian institution ever since the successful release of their 1993 self-titled debut album. But now, Doyle can call himself a movie star as well.

**Robin Hood opens next Friday**

"I've been holding out for 40 years for the right chance," joked Doyle about his role in Robin Hood alongside Russell Crowe. "I picked a good one, didn't I?"

As it turns out, Doyle was chosen for the role.

Having met Crowe in Toronto while the actor was filming Cinderella Man, the duo became fast friends over their love of music. As the tale goes, while Crowe was initially reading the script for Robin Hood, he discovered one of the Merry Men was a balladeer.

"He's done a bunch of movies since I've known him — he's never asked me to do one," said Doyle. "(But) I could see Russell reading the script and thinking 'hey, we need a dude who can play the lute, sing and write ballads on the spot and play Celtic in-



Newfoundland-born musician Alan Doyle, left, plays one of the Merry Men in Robin Hood.

struments and his name is Allan A'Doyle...' I would've been pissed off if he hadn't thought of me to be honest!"

Doyle isn't just making a

passing cameo either. The Newfoundlander underwent weeks of rigorous training with weapons and horses for huge epic battle sequences as one of Hood's

fighting Merry Men. Further, he was asked to compose a few songs for the movie.

"(I got) three or four credits in there which is a

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thrill," said Doyle. "(But) as the years go by, I will exaggerate that."

Doyle won't be able to rest for long. After the film hits theatres, Great Big Sea will prepare to release their next album in July and follow it up with a tour.

But with a potential cinematic franchise looming in Robin Hood, one wonders if the singer doesn't have at least one eye on a career in movies.

"I don't know, I've been pretty lucky with things my whole life," said Doyle humbly before quickly insisting: "I got this one by kind of not looking for it and that would be my tactic for the next one."

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Canadian actor Jay Baruchel fights to bring "socialism" to his high school in the comedy *The Trotsky*.

# Mr. Revolution

Canadian actor Baruchel gets his Trotsky on

RICHARD CROUSE  
for Metro Canada



Jay Baruchel is Captain Canuck.

Despite having the kind of break-out Hollywood success most actors could only dream of — starring in the critically lauded *She's Out of My League*, the number one hit *How to Train Your Dragon* and headlining Disney's upcoming *Sorcerer's Apprentice* — the patriotic Canadian (he has a maple leaf tattooed over his heart) hasn't taken up digs in Los Angeles or New York. In fact, he still lives in Montreal where his latest movie was shot.

"It was genius," he says of making *The Trotsky* in his hometown. "If I go away to make movies it means I have to say goodbye to my mom, my cat, my friends, my bed, all that stuff, so to be able to go to my house every night and flip channels with my roommates and pet the cat was crazy."

In the comedy, directed by actor-turned director Jacob Tierney, he plays the budding Bolshevik Leon Bronstein, a 17 year old who believes he is the rein-

**"(In high school), I was incredibly impassioned and prone to crying and punching stuff and throwing fits and getting really angry so I had to channel that."**

Jay Baruchel

carnation of revolutionary Leon Trotsky.

"When I talked to Jacob about this I told him I was scared to play a character 10 years younger than me," he says. "I was trying to leave that behind but then I came to the Ferris Bueller's Day Off is my favorite movie of all time and I realized that Leon kind of is Ferris in regards to the way he affects change in other people's lives and goes to war against his principal."

Baruchel may have used Ferris Bueller as a muse but to fully round out the character he cobbled together a "bunch of subtle

tiles in the mosaic that make up this weird guy."

First he looked back at himself. "In high school you just care about everything so much," he said. "I was incredibly impassioned and prone to crying and punching stuff and throwing fits and getting really angry so I had to channel that."

Then he added in some physical comedy. "I had this overriding idea that because he's such an odd bird there was room for some physical comedy and that's why I walk out of every scene like a cartoon character."

More than anything, however, he says he's thrilled to portray a side of Montreal that rarely gets seen on screen.

"If you watch English movies from the rest of Canada you'd never know that there are Anglos in Montreal," he says. "If you watch French movies from Quebec you'd never know there are Anglos in Montreal. So either way we're forgotten, but we're back! Anglo Montrealers are back everyone! We're coming to ya!"

**The Trotsky opens next Friday**

## Movie morsels

### Iron Man 2

★★★

**REVIEW** Iron Man 2 opens not with a bang but with a whimper, as Mickey Rourke's Ivan Vanko — later to become villain Whiplash, weeps over his dying father in a cluttered

Moscow apartment. It's a big risk for an action tentpole, but one a filmmaker like Jon Favreau can make riding a wave of goodwill after the franchise's critically and commercially successful first chapter two years ago. Unfortunately, Favreau and company spend the

next two hours squandering all that good will. The film's primary problem is that it sidelines its main hero and villain, both Stark and Whiplash sequestered in their labs tinkering while supporting characters carry on without them.

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Kristen Stewart will be starring in the screen adaptation of Jack Kerouac's *On The Road*. The *New Moon* star has confirmed that she is "very much attached" to play troubled drifter Marylou alongside Garrett Hedland's Dean Moriarty. **IMDb.COM**

**Stewart On The Road**

# Directors dig own cameos

## InFocus

**Richard Crouse**

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**"Alfred Hitchcock honed the art of the cameo to a science, turning up in 41 of his films."**



John Favreau, left, and Alfred Hitchcock are two directors who have made appearances in their own films.



Iron Man 2 director Jon Favreau says the reason he cast himself in the role of Tony Stark's bodyguard Happy Hogan is "me being selfish and me wanting to be an actor in it."

One of his cast mates, however, thinks there might be an alternate reason. Gwyneth Paltrow, who plays Pepper Potts for the second time around in this weekend's *Iron Man* sequel, wonders if Favreau has a secret crush on her. You see, in the comic book series the film is based on Hogan and Potts become a romantic item.

"He marries this character in the comic book," she says, "so you never know. We'll see! If he wants to make out..."

Whatever the reason, many directors make a regular habit of placing themselves in their movies.

Alfred Hitchcock honed the art of the cameo to a science, turning up in 41 of his films.

Usually his appearances were limited to a quick hit, sometimes just as a silhouette, often as a face in the crowd, but a careful study of his films reveals the clever ways he inserted himself into the story.

The strangest cameo is one that may never have

happened. In *North by Northwest* Hitch can be seen missing a bus during the opening credits but fans claim there is a second cameo later in the film.

Forty-four minutes there is a scene with a woman in a dress speaking to the police on a train which is rumored to be the director in drag.

Hitchcock was so well known for his sneaky appearances in films he even made one following his death. In *Psycho II*, made three years after his passing, his famous silhouette can be seen in shadow just outside of Mother's bedroom.

The portly British director had the art of the cameo

down to a science but he's not the only one.

The usually reclusive Terrence Malick plays an unexpected visitor at door, credited as Caller at Rich Man's House in his masterpiece *Badlands* and Oliver Stone can be glimpsed as the officer with a phone at the U.S. base's bunker when it is blown up in *Platoon*.

One of the most memorable but unrecognizable director cameos comes in *Alien*. When John Hurt looks into a transparent egg the facehugger was "played" by director Ridley Scott's gloved hands.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; [mricha03@hotmail.com](mailto:mricha03@hotmail.com).

## Tarantino leads Venice jury

**FILM FEST** The Venice Film Festival says Quentin Tarantino will head the jury that will award the coveted Golden Lion at this year's festival.

The festival called the director "one of the major creative figures in contemporary cinema" in an announcement of his appointment on Thursday. It runs from Sept. 1-10.

The festival cited Taranti-

no's highly original filmmaking style, his work as a character actor in films such as *Sukiyaki Western Django*, films that have launched and relaunched acting careers and his dedication to young filmmakers in his work as a producer. Tarantino has directed such films as *Inglourious Basterds*, *Pulp Fiction* and *Kill Bill*.

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## In brief

**HONOUR** Organizers of the Stockholm film festival say director Gus Van Sant has been named the winner of this year's visionary award, hailing him as one of modern cinema's greatest American filmmakers. Van Sant is expected to visit Stockholm in November to pick up the award. Previous winners include Wong Kar Wai and Terry Gilliam. Van Sant's films include *Good Will Hunting* and *Milk*.

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## Common takes lead in Wright

**DOROTHY ROBINSON**  
Metro World News



**INTERVIEW** Over the past few years, Common — best-known as a successful hip-hop artist — has been quietly building up his acting resume with small roles in *Smoking Aces*, *Wanted* and *Terminator Salvation*. Next weekend marks his leap into leading man status as Scott McKnight, a professional basketball player who falls a physical therapist (played by Queen Latifah) in *Just Wright*. He lets us know why he loves being a starter.



Hip-hop artist Common stars with Queen Latifah in *Just Wright*.

**Q** This is a departure from the hardened characters you've played in your past films. Was it difficult switching over to a romantic lead?

**A** This is not only my first romantic, leading character — it's my first leading role, period. I thought highly of my experience. I love being able to come in every day to act. A lot of times, I'm in movies and they might call me in and I might not even work that day. So it's fun to come in and be a part of this, like, equivalent to a basketball game. You know — being able to play in the game and be a starter.

**Q** You're in nearly every scene. Does seeing your face on-screen all the time rattle you?

**A** To be honest, I'm critiquing every little part. I do that even when I only have two lines (in a film). It's fun to have my friends and family come to a movie and not have to wait two hours before I come on screen.

**Q** So, serious question: When you talk to Queen Latifah, do you call her Queen Latifah or just Queen?

**A** I call her Latifah, and I got other names for her too.

**Q** Oh? Like what?  
**A** I'm just tripping with you. But yeah, I call her Latifah more than anything. But you know, sometimes you just have to refer to her as a queen. She is a queen but she seems so much like a friend.

**Q** What's the most, um, common headline you've seen in articles about you that use your name?

**A** Typically, "uncommon man" or something like that. Obviously, I hope you use "extraordinary."

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for Metro Canada

**"There are no more interesting rock and roll bands," writes American novelist Rick Moody in The New Pornographers artist bio. "(The New Pornographers) are also unable, it seems, to resist the challenge to make a perfect album, a form so dead."**

If there's any controversial comment to make in a bio, it's probably to say there's nothing good happening in pop music anymore. Carl Newman, The New Pornographers' singer, clarifies the author's statement. "He didn't mean it in an insulting

way," says ex-Vancouverite and now New York-based artist. "He was saying it's a noble gesture, trying to work in a format so many people think is dead."

It's true, Pornographers-like power pop — which draws from the Beach Boys, The Kinks and Big Star, among other punchy, harmony-laden rock bands — isn't the rage these days, but it's far from obsolete. Newman knows that, but he says classic pop has gone underground. "If Pet Sounds came out today it would be this weird alternative record," he says.

If anything The New Pornographers' music has kept the genre top of mind for many music fans. The



The New Pornographers draw on The Beach Boys, The Kinks and Big Star, among other punchy, harmony-laden rock band.

band isn't pushing power pop into the mainstream — "I've had an underground career," he says — but with thousands of records sold worldwide, and veteran acts like Animal Collective and new bands such as Library Voices playing more pop-focused music they've had an influence.

The band actually took a step back from their polished distorted tunes on their last disc, *Challengers*, in favour of softer, melodic sounds. Their new record, *Together*, combines that subdued band — which also features Neko Case and Destroyer's Dan Bejar — with their louder selves.

"It exemplifies my contrary nature," says Newman, explaining how a song like *Crash Years*, a bubbly Case track winds up on the same album as

the quiet, lo-fi piano song *Valkyrie* in the *Roller Disco*.

Newman admits that the disc is a bit of history lesson into the New Pornographers music. "It does take a lot of different things we've done," he says, adding that the only difference between how he wrote this disc and the previous ones was that *Together* was based around riffs he had in his mind. "More than the other albums, this was built

around some kind of guitar or cello line that runs through a verse."

The band will tour behind *Together* for a while, but once that's over, in the past, Newman has released solo albums. He says it's unlikely he'll write another AC Newman disc for a while. "I want to do something different. Something that doesn't sound anything like my solo stuff or the New Pornographers," he says. "Or maybe I'm just talking out of my ass."

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## Get lost on these music sites

### SoundCheck



[metronews.ca/soundcheck](http://metronews.ca/soundcheck)

**WARNING:** You'll probably end up tearing out this page and taking it to work.

Don't blame me if your productivity falls to zero. People often ask me which music websites I visit the most. Herewith is a list I simply cannot do without.

**AntiMusic:** The website is a little kludgy and I hate the "pop-under" ads that come with it, so I subscribe to the free daily email newsletter — delivered before noon ET each day — which is extremely well done ([anitmusic.com](http://anitmusic.com)).

**Chartattack:** Canada's Chart magazine lives online with an excellent news section that often digs remarkably deep. Especially helpful when it comes to Canadian music

news ([chartattack.com/new](http://chartattack.com/new)).

**Crazed Hits:** Billed as "the music industry's leading A&R site," it's used by labels, talent scouts, managers and bleeding edge hipsters to find out who's new, who's hot and who's been signed ([crazedhits.com](http://crazedhits.com)).

**The Daily Swarm:** An aggregator of music news from newspapers, magazines, websites and blogs. There are other sites that do this, but few have the reach and variety. Just beware that some links may be NSFWE ([thedailyswarm.com](http://thedailyswarm.com)).

**Global Music:** Another news aggregator but with an emphasis on gathering music news from around the planet. They offer a daily newsletter, too ([globalmusic.net](http://globalmusic.net)).

**Heard on TV:** Liked that song played at the end of Grey's Anatomy last night but frustrated by not knowing who did it? Go here [heardontv.com](http://heardontv.com). Good alternates: TV Show Music ([tvshowmusic.com](http://tvshowmusic.com)) and Tune Find ([tunefind.com](http://tunefind.com)).

**Hypebot:** An excellent site for news and analysis

regarding music, technology and new media from around the world. Perfect for the seriously geeky music fan who wants really get into what's going on from the business side ([hypebot.com/hypebot](http://hypebot.com/hypebot)).

**Music Ally:** Yeah, the name is a pun, but the content is very deep and insightful, even though it tends to focus on issues within the U.K. and European music industry ([musically.com/blog](http://musically.com/blog)).

**PunkNews.org:** Heavy on the punk rock scene — which they cover better than almost anyone else — but they also cover other genres ([punknews.org](http://punknews.org)).

Finally, there's **AllTop**, an aggregator of headlines from dozens and dozens of music sites (<http://music.alltop.com>).

Nice to see that the site I spend all my time curating, **ExploreMusic** ([exploremusic.com](http://exploremusic.com)), is right at the top. If you'd like to see more of my favourite sites, I have an expanded list today at [ExploreMusic.com](http://ExploreMusic.com).

The Ongoing History Of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read more at [ongoinghistory.com](http://ongoinghistory.com) and [exploremusic.com](http://exploremusic.com)



## Amazon.ca's top albums

1. Forgiveness Rock Record, Broken Social Scene; 2. V3 Glee: Music: Showstoppers, Various Artists; 3. Together, New Pornographers; 4. Fearless Love, Melissa Etheridge; 5. Crazy Love, Michael Bublé. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Music

# God Save John's Rotten image

PAY HEALY  
Metro World News

**From the Sex Pistols' first appearance on television nearly 35 years ago, Johnny Rotten has built a sturdy reputation as a difficult interview subject.**

And although a question about an erstwhile bandmate in his recently reunited Public Image Ltd., resulted in him telling this reporter to "f— off" about 10 minutes into the conversation, he didn't hang up the phone.

Instead, the man who was born John Lydon spent the next 20 minutes talking somewhat enthusiastically about re-forming the band he began after the implosion of the Pistols, and opining on all things from beauty products to Vampire Weekend.

After publishing a volume of his memoirs in the mid '90s that dealt with his time in the Pistols, the

singer promised he was working on addressing the Public Image years, but right now the guy who once snarled about "no future" sounds like he's actually looking forward to a happy one.

"I've had to put it on the back burner because of this work," he says of the book. "I'm in no mad dog rush to finish it, because PiL is by far, far and away, an uncompleted project."

He says putting together a concise setlist has been one of the biggest challenges.

"Seriously, we're really having problems trying to cut the set down to just two hours, because there's so much there," he says. "But as we progress here, and get people to start thinking about what they think PiL is, it will get us in the position where we could tour almost constantly. I would hope so. But the general ambition is towards recording immedi-

**"I came out of the starting gates firing on all cylinders, and I never looked back, so my songwriting proficiency has never been really lacking."**

John Lydon

ately on completion of tours."

And how has the material aged? The singer says mining his old material has been gratifying, in particular the 1978 song, Religion, which criticizes the Catholic Church.

"It's a shame no one was listening to me, because we could have saved a hell of a lot of children a hell of a lot of grief," he says. "When I wrote Religion, the Catholic Church was just so on me, and generally society — you know, 'How could I be so loathsome as to think such a thing?' Well, now we know the truth. But then again, I was in the same position with a song like Anarchy or God Save the Queen. I don't want to be in that po-

a band he had never heard before while

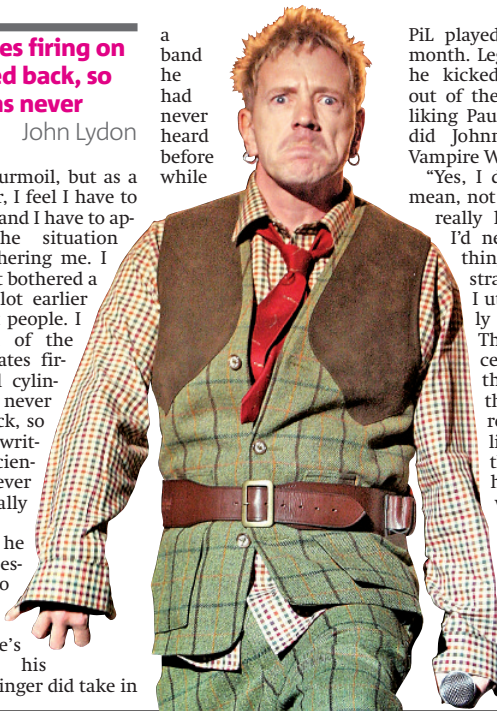
sition of turmoil, but as a songwriter, I feel I have to be honest and I have to approach the situation that's bothering me. I tend to get bothered a hell of a lot earlier than most people. I came out of the starting gates firing on all cylinders, and I never looked back, so my songwriting proficiency has never been really lacking."

Though he says he doesn't listen to any new music while he's creating his own, the singer did take in

PiL played Coachella last month. Legend has it that he kicked Glen Matlock out of the Sex Pistols for liking Paul McCartney, so did Johnny Rotten like Vampire Weekend?

"Yes, I did," he says. "I mean, not musically, but I really liked the ideas."

I'd never heard anything quite so strange and silly, so I utterly, completely applaud them. They have a concept going there that is uniquely theirs. Brave lads, really. They believe in what they're doing, I hope. ... I warmed to them as their set went on, and a wry smile appeared upon my face. I feel quite affectionate about them."



## Entertainment in brief

**CHARTS** The following is HMV Canada's top 10 CDs based on national sales for the week ending May 8.

## POP

1. Forgiveness Rock Record - Broken Social Scene
2. The Oracle - Godsmack
3. Diamond Eyes - Deftones
4. Wavin' Flag - Young Artists for Haiti
5. "Iron Man 2" Soundtrack - AC/DC
6. Need You Now - Lady Antebellum
7. Together - The New Pornographers
8. Nikki - Nikki Yanofsky
9. Crazy Love - Michael Bublé
10. My World 2.0 - Justin Bieber

## COUNTRY

1. Need You Now - Lady Antebellum
2. Court Yard Hounds - Court Yard Hounds
3. Recollection - k.d. lang
4. The Foundation - Zac Brown Band
5. "Crazy Heart" Soundtrack - Various Artists
6. Play On - Carrie Underwood
7. Fearless - Taylor Swift
8. Dance With Me - Johnny Reid
9. Lady Antebellum - Lady Antebellum
10. Revolution - Miranda Lambert

## Bachman & Turner drop free new track

**BANDS** Randy Bachman and Fred Turner are giving fans a sneak peek at their first new material in years.

Bachman & Turner have posted their new track, Rock n' Roll is the Only Way Out, on their website as a free download. Fans need to enter an email address and the new tune will then be offered up for downloading.

Bachman & Turner's first new album in 14 years is slated for release on Sept. 7.

The '70s Winnipeg stalwarts authored such hits as You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet, Takin' Care of Business and

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Roll on Down the Highway when they were still called Bachman-Turner Overdrive, a name that is now the subject of a lawsuit.

Bachman and Turner announced they were reforming last year and launched a world tour in Winnipeg in December.

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Oprah gave her studio audience a secret screening of The Twilight Saga: Eclipse during a taping of a Twilight special Wednesday featuring Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner and Dakota Fanning. [POPEATER.COM](http://POPEATER.COM)

**Twilight surprise**

## Television

# Don't speed while Living In Your Car

As a director on *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, David Steinberg helped nail the fictional Larry David's bull-headed sense of entitlement.

Now, the Winnipeg-born TV veteran is applying his comedy touch to the self-serving struggles of another arrogant character — fallen CEO Steve Unger — in the HBO Canada series, *Living In Your Car*.

"I guess rich and obnoxious is going to be my signature as a director," a jovial Steinberg admits in a phone interview from his home in Los Angeles.

"Because Larry is that way, certainly, and (Steve) is that way as well. Larry is much more outrageous in *Curb* than (Steve) is, but



John Ralston plays Steve Unger, an executive who has lost everything, in *Living In Your Car*, pictured here with actress Mariah Horner as Kate Unger.

not really. It's just that the tone is different."

The half-hour satire, which Steinberg also co-ex-

ecutive produces, stars John Ralston as a high-flying executive who loses everything when he's caught cooking the books. Steve cuts a deal to get out of prison early, but finds that his wife and 15-year-old daughter (played by Ingrid Kavelaars and Mariah Horner) have kicked him out of the house and that none of his former colleagues want anything to do with him.

Homeless and desperate to regain all that he's lost, Steve clings to the last vestige of his former self — his cherished luxury sedan.

The series was written by playwright George F. Walker, Dani Romain and Joseph Kay back in the

days of Enron.

"And then of course there was all this new stuff," says Walker, referring to the subsequent fall of corrupt investment advisor Bernie Madoff.

"Which means it could be about anyone. But the thing that they all had in common, the guy we had in mind, was that they were charming. They believed what they were doing was good, they believed in trickle-down economics. Any-

thing that was good for them was good for everyone and that this was just a little blip on their recovery road to success and even greater success. That belief in themselves, and that kind of childlike innocence mixed with a kind of almost devil-may-care foolishness is sort of what we came up with."

Walker, whose previous acclaimed series include HBO Canada's *The Line* and CBC-TV's *This Is Wonderland*, says Steve's earnest optimism is what makes the disgraced exec worth cheering for, and laughing at, despite his many faults.

Ralston says the show's quick pace helps to heighten the comedy as well. He notes that rapid-fire dialogue zips between characters who clip each other's words, finish each other's thoughts.

"The stakes are so high so the delivery is fairly quick," says Ralston, who just finished a TV movie of his other series, the Family Channel show *Life With Derek*.

"This is a really jam-packed show. (It's) one of the wonderful thing about cable these days and this whole idea of that half-hour format, which is a true 30-minute half hour. I think we're just about three or so scenes short of a one-hour network show."

Walker says that the dense material is a sign of the times.

"Our scripts are like 40 some-odd pages. That's long, that's many more pages (than usual), but when we started doing this people would go, 'Oh, that's so long.' We'd actually go, 'That's old TV. This stuff moves.'"

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## Mom's doc

**FILM** Award-winning documentarian Maureen Judge's new work, *Mom's Home*, will be shown on the Knowledge Network on Tuesday. *Mom's Home* is the final installment in her vérité documentary trilogy, exploring themes of love, betrayal and acceptance in parent and adult child relationships.

*Mom's Home* is a funny, compassionate and tension fraught one-hour documentary about aging mothers who move in with their grown daughters. It follows three pairs of mothers and daughters, who, despite their life experience, are still wrestling with their conflicting emotions, difficulties and sometimes ill-fated commitment to do what's best.

METRO WORLD NEWS



## In brief

**CHESNEY** Country music singer Kenny Chesney is one of thousands in Nashville sifting through waterlogged memories after floodwaters consumed his home this week. His publicist, Holly Gleason, says it's likely his house will be condemned after water rose past the first floor. He lost items from when he was in high school.

**JACKSON** The outlook for the sale of a one-of-a-kind Michael Jackson portrait isn't thrilling. The eBay.com auction of a fantastical portrait the King of Pop posed for before his death ended with no bids, according to the auction's organizer.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# White set for SNL gig

The night before Mother's Day is going to be the mother of all Saturday Nights: TV icon Betty White will be the guest host of Saturday Night Live, with musical guest Jay-Z and a cast reunion of former female SNL stars Tina Fey, Amy Poehler, Maya Rudolph, Molly Shannon and Rachel Dratch.

Does that mean that, Jay-Z aside, we're going to see SNL's first all-female ensemble?

"I certainly hope not," White said in a phone interview. "I'll have to go around



Betty White

hitting on every member of the crew."

A typically bawdy comment from the suddenly

hot again 88-year-old veteran of Password, Mary Tyler Moore and Golden Girls, whose appearance on SNL was largely motivated by an avid Facebook and Twitter campaign.

Even then she was reluctant, though was eventually persuaded by her agent. "They're just so New York, and I'm so L.A.," she frets. "Honestly, I'm scared to death."

"I haven't a clue what I'm going to be doing. But I have been promised I won't have to do any nudity."

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## FRIDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	News Center	World News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	Wife Swap (N)		Primetime: What Would You		20/20
7	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea	Degrassi	TMZ (N)		Wife Swap (N)		America's Next Top Model		Miami Medical
11	11	11	CBC	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	CBC News: the fifth estate		National	NHL Hockey	
32	32	32	CBS	WBZ News (N)	Evening News	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Ghost Whisperer (N)		Medium (HDTV) (N)		Miami Medical
6	6	6	CHIF	Entertainment	ET Canada	Shark Tank		Friday Night Lights (N)		(10:01) Brothers & Sisters		News Final (N)
9	9	9	CJCH	etalk	Access H.	Medium (HDTV) (N)		Ghost Whisperer (N)		The Bridge (N) (DVS)		CTV News
36	36	36	FOX	Seinfeld	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	House "Lockdown"		Kitchen Nightmares (N)		Fox First
12	12	12	NBC	News	Nightly News	Access H.	Extra (N)	Friday Night Lights (N)		Dateline NBC (HDTV)		
55	55	55	SCOR	Red Heat	Covers	Poker Canada Cup		WWE SmackDown!				Wrestling
53	53	53	TSN	Off the Record	SportsCentre	NHL Hockey Boston Bruins at Philadelphia Flyers. (HDTV) (Live)				SportsCentre		
16	16	16	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal
70	70	70	APTN	APTN National News (N)	Fish Out of	Blessings		Cashing In	Rabbit Fall	Double Jeopardy *** (1999, Suspense)		
37	37	37	BRVO	Emily of New Moon	Spectacle: Elvis	Air Force	22 Minutes	BravoFACT	Camera	White Collar "Free Fall"		Dexter
49	49	49	COM	Just for Laughs	John King, USA (N)	Campbell Brown (N)		Corner Gas	Corner Gas	The Simpsons "South Park"		Comedy Now
18	18	18	CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitz	Cash Cab	How It's Made		Dirty Jobs	Leeches	Larry King Live (N)		Cooper 360
38	38	38	DISC	Extreme Makeover: Home	House	For Rent		House	House	Canada's Worst Handyman		Egypt Unwrap
48	48	48	HGTV	Ultimate Engineering	Ax Men (HDTV)	Nostradamus Effect		Relocation: Phil Down Under		Boiling Point ** (1993, Action)		
46	46	46	HIST	Buffy the Vampire Slayer	disBAND	The Vampire Diaries		Boiling Point ** (1993, Action)		Napoleon Dynamite (2004, Comedy)		
17	17	17	MM	(6:15) Owning Mahowny	Relic Hunter	Destination: Infestation (2007, Suspense)		Win a Date With Tad Hamilton! ** (2004)		Heartburn ** (1986, Drama)		
206	206	206	PIX	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Relic Hunter		Win a Date With Tad Hamilton! ** (2004)		Heartburn ** (1986, Drama)		
39	39	39	SHOW	Til Debt-Part	Wedding SOS	Rich Bride Poor Bride		Win a Date With Tad Hamilton! ** (2004)		Heartburn ** (1986, Drama)		
40	40	40	SLICE	Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings (HDTV)		Win a Date With Tad Hamilton! ** (2004)		Heartburn ** (1986, Drama)		
21	21	21	TLC	House-Sell	House-Sell	Supernanny		Win a Date With Tad Hamilton! ** (2004)		Heartburn ** (1986, Drama)		
22	22	22	W	To Be Indie	To Be Indie	To Be Indie		Win a Date With Tad Hamilton! ** (2004)		Heartburn ** (1986, Drama)		
27	27	27	YTV					Win a Date With Tad Hamilton! ** (2004)		Heartburn ** (1986, Drama)		

## SATURDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	News Center	World News	Inside Edition	At the Movies	(9:15) NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Utah Jazz.				
7	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea	Window Opens-Ethiopia	Window Opens-Ethiopia		My Life Without Me *** (2003, Drama) (DVS)				Stargate Atl.
11	11	11	CBC	National	Hockey Night	NHL Hockey Montreal Canadiens at Pittsburgh Penguins. (HDTV) (Live)		NCIS "Reunion" (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		48 Hours.
32	32	32	CBS	WBZ News (N)	Evening News	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	NCIS "Reunion" (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		48 Hours.
6	6	6	CHIF	16-9 Pictures	renewed	A Daughter's Conviction (2006, Mystery)	Brooke Nevins.	Flashpoint		Jane Show "G-Spot"		News Final (N)
9	9	9	CJCH	W5 (DVS)	Flashpoint	Law & Order: SVU		Flashpoint		Law & Order "Brazil"		CTV News
36	36	36	FOX	Friends	Friends	NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup: Southern 500. From Darlington Raceway in Darlington, S.C.		Flashpoint		Law & Order "Brazil"		Law & Order
12	12	12	NBC	PGA Tour Golf	Footy Show	WWE Vintage Collection		College Volleyball NCAA Tournament, Final: Teams TBA.		Win & Order "Brazil"		Score Now
55	55	55	SCOR	MMA Show	Footy Show	WWE Vintage Collection		College Volleyball NCAA Tournament, Final: Teams TBA.		Win & Order "Brazil"		Score Now
53	53	53	TSN	SportsCentre	Footy Show	WWE Vintage Collection		College Volleyball NCAA Tournament, Final: Teams TBA.		Win & Order "Brazil"		Score Now
16	16	16	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	Boxing	Boxing Pavlik vs. Martinez & Bute vs. Miranda.	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal
70	70	70	APTN	Tears	The Mix	Chasing Wild Horses		Star Portraits	Books-Film	Something's Gotta Give *** (2003)		Jeff Dunham
37	37	37	BRVO	Arts & Minds	Bravo/Videos	Chasing Wild Horses		Star Portraits	Books-Film	Something's Gotta Give *** (2003)		Jeff Dunham
49	49	49	COM	Comedy Now	Comedy Now	Chasing Wild Horses		Star Portraits	Books-Film	Something's Gotta Give *** (2003)		Jeff Dunham
18	18	18	CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitz	Newsroom	Chasing Wild Horses		Star Portraits	Books-Film	Something's Gotta Give *** (2003)		Jeff Dunham
38	38	38	DISC	Cash Cab	How It's Made	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Canada's Worst Handyman		Deadliest Catch		License
48	48	48	HGTV	Holmes on Homes	Storm Planets (HDTV)	Buy Me	Agent-Agent	Property	For Rent	Outdoor Room "Genevieve"		Makeover
46	46	46	HIST	Storm Planets (HDTV)	Nostradamus Effect	Nostradamus Effect		Cities of the Underworld		Lions for Lambs ** (2007, Drama)		
17	17	17	MM	The Vampire Diaries	Napoleon Dynamite *** (2004, Comedy)	Harry And The Hendersons (1987, Comedy-Drama)		Chinatown (1974, Crime Drama)		Muchmusic Countdown		
206	206	206	PIX	Blade Runner: The Final Cut	ReGenesis (HDTV)	Real Housewives of NYC		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Toddler-Tiaras		
39	39	39	SHOW	(5) Beowulf	About a Girl	Real Housewives of NYC		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Toddler-Tiaras		
40	40	40	SLICE	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Real Housewives of NYC		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Toddler-Tiaras		
21	21	21	TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Toddler-Tiaras		Toddler-Tiaras		Toddler-Tiaras		
22	22	22	W	Must Love Dg	Under the Tuscan	Sun *** (2003, Romance) Diane		Lane, Sandra Oh.		Unfaithful *** (2002, Drama)		
27	27	27	YTV	Kid vs. Kat	League-Evil	Zeke's Pad	Prank Patrol	Amer. Funniest Home Videos		That's-Weird	Prank Patrol	Survive This

## SUNDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	News Center	World News	Amer. Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives		Brothers
7	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea	TMZ (N)	Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N)		Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N)		Monk		Law & Order
11	11	11	CBC	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	NHL Hockey Vancouver Canucks at Chicago Blackhawks.		The Amazing Race 16		Jesse Stone: No Remorse (2010)		
32	32	32	CBS	Evening News	WBZ News (N)	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)		The Amazing Race 16		The Celebrity Apprentice (HDTV) (N)		
6	6	6	CHIF	PGA Tour Golf	Human Target	Cleveland	King of Hill	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Desperate Housewives		CTV News
9	9	9	CJCH	Human Target	Flashpoint (DVS)	The Simpsons	Cleveland	The Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy	American Dad	CTV News
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# Carrie's youth exposed

HEATHER BUCHAN  
for Metro Canada

**Sex and the City 2 isn't hitting theatres until the end of the month, but for Carrie Bradshaw fans, the release of The Carrie**

**Diaries — author Candace Bushnell's teen prequel to her original 1997 novel Sex and the City — should serve as a good fix.**

It's Carrie's coming-of-age story and takes readers back to 1979 and her life as a high school senior in small-town Connecticut.

"I tried to capture the emotional realities of being 17," says Bushnell, 51, over the phone from New York, where she is kicking off a whirlwind book North America tour to launch this, her sixth novel. "I had an especially great time writing The Carrie Diaries because I love the character Carrie."

Not only does Diaries focus on Carrie's first love, but it also touches on her evolving sense of fashion and her dreams of one day becoming a writer.

Like her character

Carrie, Bushnell grew up dreaming of being a writer and living in Manhattan. "It was something that I dreamed of doing since I was a little kid," she says. "And, like Carrie, when I was in high school, I knew what I wanted to do, but I had no idea how to get there."

Similarly to Carrie, Bushnell moved to the Big Apple at 18, and became a columnist while struggling to pay the bills. As her 20s rolled into her 30s, Bushnell also became (like Carrie) a bona fide New York celebrity, dating a bevy of wealthy bachelors (including publishing giant Ronald A. Galotti who is rumoured to be the inspiration for Mr. Big).

Aside from her career-defining Sex and the City, Bushnell has penned several other smash-hit, chick-lit novels, including Four Blondes (2001), Trading Up (2003), Lipstick Jungle (2005), which was also adapted into a TV series, and One Fifth Avenue (2008).

In 2002, at the age of 43, Bushnell settled down, marrying Charles Askegard, a dancer with the New York City Ballet, to whom she remains happily married. So what has the women behind Carrie Bradshaw learned about love? "It's what you bring and it's



Author Candace Bushnell says she had a great time writing The Carrie Diaries because she loves the Carrie character so much.

your attitude," she says. "You always hear people say, 'Oh, I have to find my other half,' but you kind of have to be a whole to begin with."

Unlike Carrie, however, Bushnell reveals her biggest splurge wasn't on shoes, clothes or jewelry. "Ohhhhhh, it was real estate. That's all I'm going to

say," she says. Bushnell is already working on a follow up to Diaries. "It's (Carrie's) first summer in New York and gosh, I think anybody's first summer in the big city is full of adventure," she says of her next novel. "There's still so many more books I want to write and I feel like, hey, I'm not dead yet!"

## Usher is all grown up, but still likes to have fun

**Usher's newly released sixth album Raymond v. Raymond entered the U.S. charts at No. 1. It was the R&B megastar's third chart topping album in about as many years.**

He spoke to Metro on success, fatherhood, and of course the ladies...

**Q Is it difficult to come back after two years on a R&B scene full artists inspired by you?**

**A** Not really. I have nothing to prove as I already have an honored place. Some of the new faces ask me for advice and this is very flattering. If I can be of any help, I do it with pleasure.

**Q Did becoming a father change things?**

**A** To a certain extent, yes. Being a father influences your entire life. I grew up. I'm a man, a father. I'm not the young guy obsessed with the way he looks like I was when I started.

This is the second album since the birth of my son and I think I became more and more demanding. I want him to know how deeply he changed my life.

**Q But you still go to night clubs, smoke cigars and dance**

**with the ladies — you didn't change that much, did you?!**

**A** It is true I still love good things, but I work my art differently today. I'm more focused on my voice which always was my trump card. Anyway, I'm a good dancer, it's quite normal to show that to my public.

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## Jesus Christ gets animated

Comedy Central has a cartoon series about Jesus Christ in the works. Titled JC, the series depicts Christ as a "regular guy" who moves to New York to "escape his father's enormous shadow." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# A to Z of what's wrong with Lost

**Lost fans know how the Man in Black feels. Just as this Lost character has interminably been imprisoned on the Island, they have been trapped on Tuesday nights.**

Most were excited at the beginning of the season — juiced by the high of a stellar fifth season. But beyond a few high points this year, the series seems to reach new lows as it trudges toward what has to be an unbelievably amazing finale to justify the drawn-out tease this season has been.

Just what has gone wrong this season? Here's an A-to-Z guide to Lost's troubles this year.

**A** is for Aphasia: Making Sun lose the ability to speak English after she ran into a tree is likely one of the lowest plot developments in this or any other season. What was the point? The only result was the two lines that best illustrate how off the writing has been. Right after it happens, Miles says: "She hits her head and forgets English? We're supposed to buy that?"

**B** is for Battlestar Galactica: With four episodes left, Lost has a chance to pull its fat from the fire. But it looks like it's following BSG's final trajectory where, in moving from ambiguity to clarity, it collapsed under the weight of its mythology. The result was a terrible finale with what felt like a tacked-on happy ending and a literal hand-of-God moment that effectively devalued the show's best theme.

**C** is for Continuity: This season has felt like it's moved slowly and, really, it's as if the creators are just filling plot holes in the leaky narrative. Unfortunately, most of the answers have been unsatisfying.

**D** is for Desmond's death: Did anybody think that Sayid ac-



Can the last few episodes of Lost save what many believe is a disappointing final season? Former fan favourites Ben Linus (bottom left) and John Locke (bottom right) have become shadows of themselves. And Jacob (centre) did not live up to the hype.

tually shot the man in the well? Desmond asks Sayid one question, and the vacant-eyed assassin immediately has a change of heart?

**E** is for Endings: Admittedly, endings are hard. Lost will be lauded in television history for committing to a finale three years before the actual ending, which would make you assume that this year has been planned out well in advance. But really, this year's odd, slow pace feels like helium leaking out of a balloon as opposed to a big bang.

**F** is for Faith vs. Free will: These are some of the show's enduring themes. We all get that Jack is now the man with faith in the Island. But why? What did Locke's faith get him? Does anyone buy Jack's conversion?

**G** is for Guns: Would somebody please shoot somebody? "A wise man once said war was coming to this Island." Really? Where is it?

**H** is for Hydra Island: It seems that's where the action is going to be.

**I** is for Ilana getting blown up real good: Yes, we know it referenced Arzt's death. With Ilana, what a waste of a character. Her sudden death is a sign of how quickly the writers are running out of ideas.

**J** is for Jacob: Introducing him was supposed to move us on to another plane of reality that explains things. Of course, as a leader, his instructions are about as effective as Dumbledore's in the Harry Potter books.

**K** is for Kissing Kims: The Sun-Jin lip lock was a long time coming, and decent enough, but didn't it feel like it was dragged out? And their reunion was so short-lived.

**L** is for Locke and Linus (as in Ben): Both are shadows of their former selves. Locke, literally, but Ben is almost the more regrettable, as he's gone from being a hated, but extremely interesting, character to pretty much a useless wimp.

**M** is for Man of Science, as in whatever happened to? Who needs science, when you've got, well, whatever you've got. Another theme casually tossed aside.

**N** is for the Numbers: This is a perfect example of the unsatisfying answers. So the

numbers represent the candidates on the Lighthouse dial. Okay. That's it?

**O** is for Others: For a bunch of folks who lived on the Island for years, they got made short work of.

**P** is for Parallel Reality: For much of this season, the looks at the sideways L.A. reality have been boring. It took too long for Desmond to start making the connections between the two.

**Q** is for Quantum Theory: Lost gets points for teaching folks the basics of the many worlds theory of quantum mechanics, but this all feels like a rip-off of DC Comics' Crisis on Infinite Worlds.

**R** is for Religion: As the Jacob-Man in Black morality play finishes up, it's clear God plays dice with the cosmos.

## An extra half hour

• Lost has found an added half-hour to expand its big series conclusion. ABC says the May 23rd finale originally scheduled for two hours is now set to air from 9 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Eastern. Preceding the finale will be a retrospective special, Lost: The Final Journey, airing from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern. It will look back at the past six seasons of this mystical thriller.

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**S** is for Sayid: As a personal favourite, his descent into zombie-like sullenness has been particularly disappointing.

**T** is for Time Invested: This is the argument that many folks who aren't enjoying this season when saying they'll stick it out.

**U** is for Unanswered Questions: Be ready to have some of your queries left completely untouched.

**V** is for V: Even with all of the complaints, losing Lost and having to settle for ABC's other Tuesday night genre show is a definite downgrade.

**W** is for Widmore: Hey Charles! When are you actually going to do something soon?

**X** is for Xbox Live: Why? Well because it gives us the opportunity to say that the Lost: Via Domus videogame released in 2008 totally sucked, too.

**Y** is for You All Everybody: I actually like what I've heard of Driveshaft's song.

**Z** is for Zoë: Introducing new characters this season is idiotic. Widmore's right-hand girl might be interesting but at this stage of the game, it's far too late to make me care.

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## Going Out

Metro's **7th Heaven**: Metro taps what's hot right now

## 1 George Re-cut

**POP CULTURE** Julia Louis-Dreyfus may have gotten a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame — typo and all — but it's Jason Alexander's character, George Costanza, who is getting the attention these days thanks to this YouTube hit. The trailer re-arranges the neurotic Seinfeld character's scenes into a dramatic movie trailer. [youtube.com/watch?v=\\_Cnw85HvIFs](http://youtube.com/watch?v=_Cnw85HvIFs)

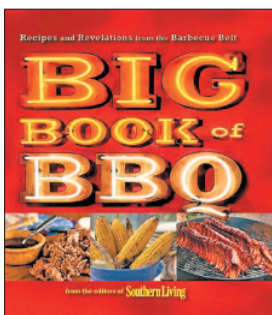


## 2 Jack Daniels

**DRINKS** No more having to mix your own JD and cola; the granddaddy of Tennessee whiskey has created a line of ready-to-drink cocktails — Jack & Cola, Jack & Lemonade, and Jack & Iced Tea.

## 3 Big Book of BBQ

**FOOD** With most of the country finally in the grip of spring, the smell of BBQ-ing is again wafting its way through Canadian neighbourhoods — making it the perfect time to pick up this collection from the editors of Southern Living. Not only does it contain recipes, but also a list of the best 'Q locations in the U.S.



## 4 Machete

**MOVIES** In time for Cinco De Mayo, filmmaker Robert Rodriguez extended his fake trailer which appeared as part of his 2007 Grindhouse collaboration with Quentin Tarantino. The trailer stars an impressive list, including Cheech Marin, Con Johnson, Jessica Alba, Steven Segal and Robert De Niro. [youtube.com/watch?v=MKhChMhBN8](http://youtube.com/watch?v=MKhChMhBN8)

## 5 Other People's Rejection Letters

**BOOK** Those with a voyeuristic bent will love this look at the letters people have received ending their relationships, having job offers turned down, and even killing their careers.



## 6 Next Star

**TELEVISION** Think your kid has what it takes — or maybe you've just dreamed of being a stage parent? YTV is on the search for Canada's next singing sensation. Adamo Ruggiero of Degra-si: The Next Generation is once again hosting the talent search. Visit at [YTV.com](http://YTV.com) for more information on the audition process, rules and procedures.



## 7 Virtual New York City

**INTERNET** Can't make it to the Big Apple anytime soon? Check out PixelCase's aerial 360-degree tours of Manhattan, where you can explore 6th Avenue, Times Square and other famous landmarks from above. [pixel-case.com.au/vr/2009/newyork/](http://pixel-case.com.au/vr/2009/newyork/)

## Mix of Six

## Beer and Beethoven

When: Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.  
Where: CFB Drill Hall, Stadacona

This annual event presented by Symphony Nova Scotia features the symphony performing with the Stadacona Band and several special guests, including Michelle Durling, Terry Kelly and Old Man Luedecke. Tickets are \$26.50 each.

## Peter Pan

When: Through May 30  
Where: Neptune Theatre's Fountain Hall

This musical fairy tale is set to come to life in what is sure to be a hit with audiences. The play stars Stephen Roberts in the role of Peter Pan, and will see the Ontario-born actor doing many acrobatic moves on stage. For ticket information, visit [neptunetheatre.com](http://neptunetheatre.com).

## Danny Bhoj

When: Saturday, 8 p.m.  
Where: The Schooner Room, Casino Nova Scotia

This Scottish comedian is returning to Halifax to delight the masses with his new one-person show. A seven-time Just For Laughs Festival veteran, Bhoj is also TV regular and one of the biggest stand-up acts on the international scene. Tickets are \$39.50.

## SuperNova Theatre Festival

When: Through Sunday  
Where: Neptune Studio Theatre

This 17th annual event hosted by Eastern Front Theatre concludes this weekend with several plays taking to the stage, including One Man Lord of the Rings and Impromptu Splendor. For information on tickets and showtimes, visit [easternfronttheatre.com](http://easternfronttheatre.com).

## Freddy Proia

When: Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.  
Where: Westin Nova Scotia

You'll certainly be laughing in the aisles as Yuk Yuk's presents one of the country's top comedians who brings plenty of energy to his comedy. Also taking to the stage are Scott Faulconbridge and Bill Wood. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for students.

## Rock The Joint

When: Saturday, 8 p.m.  
Where: Rebecca Cohn Auditorium

This concert to support the Arthritis Society of Nova Scotia is a U2 and Coldplay Tribute, meaning hits like Where The Streets Have No Name and Clocks will be belted out inside the 1,000-seat auditorium. Tickets are \$40.

## Entertainment in brief

**LEGAL** Chris Brown's lawyer says the R&B singer has completed nearly 300 hours of community service since being sentenced for beating Rihanna. Brown appeared in a Los Angeles courtroom Thursday morning to offer a judge an update on his community service and domestic violence counselling. Lawyer Mark Geragos says

Brown is expected to complete his counselling in October. He's completed roughly 20 per cent of the community labour work he's required to perform. Brown was sentenced last year to five years of probation and six months of community labour for the February 2009 attack on his ex-girlfriend.

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**Wright broken up about Paisley**

Newly out-of-the-closet Chely Wright says she has "cried a million times" about hurting one-time boyfriend Brad Paisley. In excerpts from her new book, says an unknowing Paisley was a victim of her sexuality secret. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Gossip Girl will go off to college

Show's co-creator talks about decision to take show forward

**Q** Based on the popular young adult books by Cecily von Ziegesar, *Gossip Girl*, has become a launching pad for young designers as much as it has for young actors.

**A** With the third season finale approaching on May 17, co-creator Stephanie Savage sat down with Metro to talk about the challenges of taking characters to college and dealing with the pesky paparazzi while filming in New York City.

**Q** How has it been taking the *Gossip Girl* characters into their college years? That's famously where a lot of teen series flounder.

**A** I think the challenge of taking show the from high school to college was something that we tried to address from the very beginning of the show because Josh Schwartz and I had already gone through it on the O.C. and knew firsthand what a challenge that was.

So from the beginning on *Gossip Girl*, we tried to make the franchise of the show much more New York City and much less high school.

We actually pride ourselves on the fact they've never had a classroom set.

So the challenge that we really had is more in terms of getting the characters to be able to stay in the same world and be connected



Stephanie Savage

with each other without that device of the high school that they all attend, and we're still kind of working out the kinks.

**Q** Does the media attention affect how you write the show?

If we have, like, a certain two people kissing, we will

**A** absolutely think about making sure that that scene happens on set and not on a location because we don't want it reported in the media. But that's hard, too, because maybe you do want people kissing in Central Park with a beautiful backdrop and not in Blair's bedroom, but you make that choice.

**Q** You seem to have had no trouble getting big fashion designers to let you use their work.

**A** We have a great relationship with designers, where they love to have their clothes on our show, which is such a blessing for us, and we love to have them.

We have designers who are fans enough that they want to play themselves on the show.

So it's great when Eleanor Waldorf is having a fashion show and Michael Kors will show up. **NED EHRBAR/METRO WORLD NEWS**



Aaron Kelly performs on American Idol, before being eliminated.

## Kelly prepared to move on from American Idol

**MUSIC** Aaron Kelly says he's ready to put the pressures of American Idol behind him and focus on a country singing-songwriting career.

Kelly, who was eliminated from the Fox contest Wednesday, told a teleconference yesterday that he stayed true to himself but felt he gained in confidence and charisma.

The 17-year-old from Sonestown, Pa., said he sees country music as a good fit for him and ad-

mires Rascal Flatts and Keith Urban.

Kelly's favourite mentor on Idol was Harry Connick Jr., who steered contestants through the songs of Frank Sinatra this week. Connick would be a good replacement for judge Simon Cowell, who's leaving after this season, Kelly said.

The four remaining Idol contenders are Crystal Bowersox, Lee Dewyze, Casey James and Michael Lynche. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# Shatner a shoo in for TV pilot based on online sensation

William Shatner was the unanimous choice to star in a TV pilot based on an irascible dad given to expletive-filled rants, says Justin Halpern, whose Twitter page about his own crusty father spawned the edgy sitcom, a book, and an unlikely

cult following.

"We pushed for him," says Halpern, who teamed up with Will & Grace creators Max Mutchnick and David Kohan to adapt the profane online sensation that can be conservatively referred to as Stuff My Dad Says.

"We all sat around and we were like, 'Shatner would be fantastic for this.' And then Max just got on the phone and started making it happen."

Beloved and derided for hammy turns in films, TV shows and commercials, Shatner possesses the rare

mix of cutting humour and tender charm needed for the role, said Halpern, who found himself in the odd position of trying to find someone to mimic his own father.

It wasn't easy. Ac-

cording to the author's website, "S-t My Dad Says," the 74-year-old Sam Halpern is a blunt straight-talker given to barbs like: "You look just like Stephen Hawking ... Relax, I meant like a non-paralysed version of

him. Feel better? ... Fine. Forget I said it."

"We really wanted to make sure that we got the right guy because if you get the wrong guy, it could be a really bad show," Halpern said by phone from his home in San Diego.

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## Baby Gallagher

Noel Gallagher plans to call his baby Carlos, paying tribute to his sporting hero, Manchester City soccer player Carlos Tavez, when he becomes a father for the third time in September, femalefirst.co.uk reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



## Celebrity Buzz

# The edgy actress gets edgy in front of crowds

**UM, YEAH. WOULDN'T YOU TOO?** She's the heroine of the blockbuster *Twilight* franchise — and gets to make out with Robert Pattinson — but Kristen Stewart doesn't always put on a happy face at red carpet events and other appearances, usmagazine.com reports.

"People say I'm miserable all the time," Stewart, 20, says in the June issue of *Elle* magazine.

She explains, "It's not that I'm miserable. It's just

that somebody's yelling at me ... I literally, sometimes, have to keep myself from crying," on the red carpet.

"It's a physical reaction to the energy that's thrown at you."

Then there's her demeanor on late night talk shows or awards fest.

"It's funny that when I go onstage to accept an award, they think I'm nervous, uncomfortable, and awkward," Stewart quips, "and I am — but

those are bad words for them."

The edgy star also resents losing her privacy to worldwide fame.

"Somebody knocked on my hotel room door and asked for a light, then said that they were a big fan. I was like, 'Do you really need me to light your cigarette? How do you know what room I'm in?' I can't be by myself and I like being by myself."

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## Bombshell is empathetic

**WHEN IT COMES TO JESSE JAMES SLEEPING WITH DOGS. IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK. OK, MAYBE IT ACTUALLY IS** Michelle "Bombshell" McGee, the other woman in the cheating scandal that led to the demise of Sandra Bullock and Jesse James' marriage, claims that Bullock is at least partially to blame for James having an affair.

"They slept with nine dogs in the bed," McGee told Howard Stern during his radio show.

"She liked to sleep with all the dogs in the bed. I feel bad for her, I do."

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# His brain was bleeding

**BUT BRET IS BACK IN ACTION. LET'S JUST HOPE IT'S NOT TOO MUCH ACTION** Bret Michaels may have just spent 10 days in the ICU, but the rock star isn't complaining. Instead, he says he's feeling "lucky to be alive," people.com reports.

In the new issue of *People* magazine, Michaels, 47, who suffered a subarachnoid hemorrhage (bleeding at the base of his brain stem) on April 21, speaks for the first time about his ordeal, including a dramatic

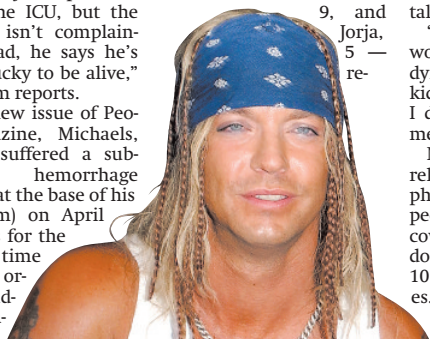
moment when he first arrived at the hospital. In the emergency room, the rocker — dad to Raine, 9, and

calls being asked by a doctor if he had kids, and the doctor telling him to have them brought to the hospital.

"And I said in these exact words, 'Am I dying? If I'm dying, I want to see my kids, but if I have a chance, I don't want them to see me in this condition.'"

Michaels is currently at a rehabilitation facility for physical therapy, and is expected to make a full recovery — something his doctor says only occurs in 10 to 20 per cent of all cases.

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# Tick tock goes Jessica's baby clock

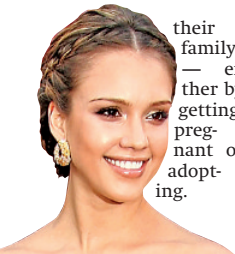
**TIME TO SPROG UP AGAIN** Jessica Alba wants to be a mother again and thinks she "should do it soon," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress has one child, 23-month old daughter Honor Marie, with her husband Cash Warren, but is broody and wants them to expand

their family — either by getting pregnant or adopting.

When asked if she was thinking of having more children, Jessica told *Tatler* magazine: "Of course! And I feel like I should do it soon ... You bring these kids into the world, so you might as well participate."

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# It's not all light and air

**THERE'S ENVY AND EGO IN THERE, TOO** Sources say the breakup between Halle Berry and Gabriel Aubry was anything but amicable, despite what the former couple says publicly, according to *Us Weekly*.

And on top of that, Berry reportedly

harangued Aubry about his career for months before they split.

"Halle called him a loser," a source says.

"She'd rub it in his face that she's an Oscar-winning actress and he's just a model. He couldn't take it anymore."

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# He's still missing Reese's pieces

**ONCE YOU HAVE A TASTE IT'S HARD TO PUT THE BAG DOWN** Though they broke up months ago and she's moved on to a new boyfriend, Jake Gyllenhaal is reportedly still hung up on Reese Witherspoon, according to *Popeater*.

"Reese was without any doubt the love of

Jake's life. He took the breakup hard and still isn't ready to move on yet," a source says. "As much as he would love to have remained friends and see her and her children, it was just too painful. They have little contact with each other, which is probably for the best."

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**DEMI LOVATO** is too tired to drive, **NEIL PATRICK HARRIS** is getting tipsy, **JIMMY KIMMEL** overestimates his own popularity, and **DIABLO CODY** is confused by candy. @ddlovato Today hasn't started off so great ... I was so sleepy this morning I got in my first little accident in my car. :( blahhh @ActuallyNPH I dare say my favorite alcoholic beverage is cold sake. Leaves me happy, buoyant, a little giggly. Drinking it now. Close second: Tequila. @jimmykimmel "Twitter is over capacity. Too many tweets!..." I can't believe it — I actually choked

twitter to death. I murdered twitter. @diablocody I just ate a Ritter Sport. I'm an athlete! **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Yep, it's back on

**BUT NOT THAT ON** Coy as ever, Jude Law may have dropped a hint to Access Hollywood that he's ready to propose to Sienna Miller again. When asked if they were engaged, Law said, "Not at the moment. Not at the moment. That's all I can say." The pair called off their initial engagement in 2006 after Law was caught cheating on Miller with his children's nanny. "I'm very happy. I'm very happy to be happy," Law said of the couple's reconciliation.

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13 Transaction  
14 Took the bus  
15 Old-fashioned music player  
17 Unsigned (Abbr.)  
18 Above  
19 Relinquish  
20 Bound bundles  
22 Accomplishment  
24 Debtor's worry  
25 Sailor, often  
29 Commotion  
30 Dunkable treats  
31 Neither partner  
32 Flyer  
34 Old portico  
35 "My bad"  
36 Prompter's job  
37 Star of westerns?  
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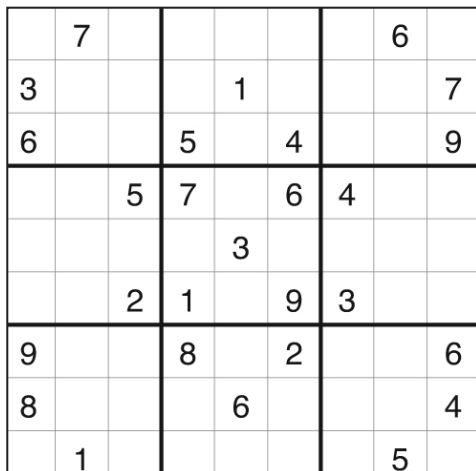
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9 Sharpen  
10 Pedestal occupant  
11 Fix  
16 Tied  
19 Tibetan herd  
20 Mediocre  
21 Verdi opera  
22 Senses  
23 Greenpeace subj.  
25 Faucet problem  
26 Poison remedy  
27 Midday  
28 RuPaul's costuming  
30 Bassoon's cousin  
33 Trained relentlessly  
34 Browse the Web  
36 Indianapolis team  
37 Zinger  
38 Culture medium  
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45 "CSI" evidence

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



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PINNUMBERS  
DEEP REPAST  
OBOE KEN EVER  
ROAD ITS NERO  
BARS NAT TRAY

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8	1	4	3	6	2	5	9	7
7	2	6	9	5	8	3	4	1
4	6	7	2	9	3	8	1	5
2	8	1	7	4	5	6	3	9
3	5	9	6	8	1	4	7	2
1	9	8	5	3	6	7	2	4
5	7	3	1	2	4	9	6	8
6	4	2	8	7	9	1	5	3

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## Metro Recipe of the Day



## Jamaican Jerked Chicken Salad

## INGREDIENTS:

4 scallions, thinly sliced  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
1/4 tsp dried thyme  
1 tsp black pepper  
1 tsp ground allspice  
1 tsp salt  
4 tbsp red wine vinegar  
2 tbsp Dijon mustard  
2 tsp dark brown sugar  
1 lb skinless, boneless chicken breasts  
1 tbsp olive oil  
2 cups pineapple chunks  
4 kiwis, peeled and cut into wedges  
1 large red pepper, cut into matchsticks  
1 cup jicama matchsticks

## METHOD:

1. In large bowl, stir together garlic, thyme, black pepper, allspice, half of scallions and 1/2 tsp salt. Stir in 2 tbsp of vinegar, 1 tbsp mustard, and

brown sugar. Add chicken, rubbing mixture into meat. Cover and set aside.

2. In separate bowl, whisk together remaining vinegar, mustard, 1/4 tsp salt and oil. Add remaining scallions, pineapple, kiwis, red pepper and jicama, and toss.

3. Preheat broiler. Broil chicken 15 cm from heat, 4 minutes per side, or until cooked through. When cool enough to handle, slice chicken on diagonal. Add to bowl and toss.

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20  
A positive attitude is a must. Forget about things that go wrong and focus on things that go right — there are still plenty of them.



**TAURUS**  
APRIL 21-MAY 21  
If you are in a loved one's bad books then it might be wise to make amends. A heartfelt apology will get you off the hook — this time.



**LIBRA**  
SEPT 23-OCT 23  
Life is not a zero sum game: someone else does not have to lose every time you win. Don't feel bad that you have gained so much.



**SCORPIO**  
OCT 24-NOV 22  
Your hunger for success is so strong that you won't let anything or anyone stand in your way. Use your charm and you'll soon be on your way to the top.



**GEMINI**  
MAY 22-JUNE 21  
Venus in your sign links with Mars in the area of your chart that governs travel and communications, so get out and about and meet new people today.



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NOV 23-DEC 21  
If an idea you thought was a good one is not working out the way you expected just ditch it and try something else.



**CANCER**  
JUNE 22-JULY 22  
This may be an important time for financial matters but you don't need to worry yourself sick about them. You'll find a way out of your dilemma.



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DEC 22-JAN 20  
So many of the things you have been worrying about bear no relation to reality. You have simply got into the habit of expecting certain things to go wrong.



**LEO**  
JULY 23-AUG 23  
A more relaxed attitude to both personal and professional matters will pay dividends, even though you may not see much progress today.



**AQUARIUS**  
JAN 21-FEB 18  
A relationship problem is nowhere near as serious as you have persuaded yourself that it is, and you can easily resolve it. So what are you waiting for?



**VIRGO**  
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You may look tough on the outside but you are a lot more sensitive than most people realize. But today you'll experience incredible highs. Enjoy it!



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